ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES January 10, 2006 Meeting

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Chair, Judith DeJoy. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Gaither, Ms. Heard, Ms. Kohl, Ms. Lane, Mr. Prokasy, Mr. Timmons, and Ms. Williams. Mr. Mokler and Ms. Pope, were excused. Ms. Childers and Ms. Hawks-Bradley were absent. Also present were staff members Ms. Carter, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

New board members, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Gaither and Ms Heard were introduced.

The minutes of the October 11, 2005 meeting and December 15, 2005 Finance Committee meeting were unanimously approved as mailed.

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Ames presented the Financial Report for information purposes. The library should be at approximately 50% of the year's expenditures and revenues. We are just under that in both categories. There are a few places where we are over (the sound system in the auditorium has caused equipment repair to be over budget). The question was asked whether the passport endeavor is worthwhile. The answer is YES.

There was no public comment.

<u>Staff Report:</u> Laura Carter, representing the Endowment Board, reported on an upcoming special event to thank Upshaw Bentley and his late wife, Frances for their support and efforts as co-chairs of the Endowment Board. This event will be a dinner/fund raiser at the Classic Center and will also kick-off the next phase of fund raising for the Endowment which hopes to raise \$300,000 over the next three years.

Committee reports:

Friends of the Library – Ms. Bogue and Ms. Kohl highlighted several items. The Friends allocated \$6000 to purchase a disc cleaning machine which polishes and cleans CDs and DVDs. Once ours are cleaned, the machine will be available for the public to use for a nominal charge. The library book sale will be March 2-5, though a location is still needed. The Puppetry Group that once existed in Athens will be making a grant of \$27,000 to the Friends who must agree to use it for at least 2 puppetry shows. April 22 is the Library's Birthday Party with cake, balloons and other special events. Friends are also sponsoring a Grassroots Arts Grant.

PR - No report, though a packet of recent PR is enclosed

Building and Grounds – Pam Blake relayed the information on the Baxter Street Streetscaping project which recently passed the County Commission. The project will continue this summer and next to finish up the improvements along the street and to the underground drainage system.

Policy Committee- no report.

Winterville – Ms. Heard reported that the library in Winterville had developed themes for each month with some garnering more attendance than others. Johnny Appleseed in October did well, but November's bedtime stories did not. However, a packed house attended the Polar Express in December. This month features Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Director's Report

Mrs. Ames had mailed her written report. However, she added that she and Miguel Vicente had just met with Sheriff Ira Edward about *Plaza Communitaria*. Within 3 months that program should be up and running at the jail. Clarke Central High School currently has about 100 students participating in the math and science parts of this program already. Cedar Shoals will begin programs soon. Miguel goes to Seattle next week as part of a Gates Foundation grant to train the trainer in Spanish Community Outreach.

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Legislative Day is coming up on January 24 and the big push is the "Books for Bucks" campaign to raise the per capita materials budget back up to at least 60 cents per capita.

Communications and Correspondence received since the last board meeting were shared with board members

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

1. The FY07 Athens-Clarke County Budget Proposal. Mrs. DeJoy spoke for the Finance Committee about the need to continue to speak proactively about a living wage for library employees. The gap between state employees and locally paid staff continues to widen as does the gap between county employees performing similar tasks and library employees. The proposed budget addresses these issues as well as building security, the postage increase and the increase in gas heat. After discussion, the budget was unanimously accepted as presented on a motion and second from Ms. Kohl and Mrs. Lane.

2. Ms. DeJoy pointed out the Committee Assignments for the year. She has made a few changes which she hopes will meet with everyone's approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.

It was announced that Miguel Vicente has a 10 minute DVD presentation if your civic group would be interested in having him come and speak.

Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA January 10, 2006

Call to order.

*Minutes of October 11, 2005 meeting and Finance Committee Meeting, December 15, 2005.

Introduce new board members: Chris Caldwell, John Gaither and Maxine Heard (Winterville representative)

*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Staff Report: Laura Carter - Special Endowment Event

Committee Reports.

1. Friends of the Library

2. Public Relations - see packet

3.Building & Grounds

Baxter Street Streetscaping

4. Policy Committee

5.Winterville

Director's Report.

Communications and Correspondence.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Financial Committee - Proposed FY07 Budget Committee Appointments see attached list

Other business.

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Legislative Day - January 24, 2006

Board Meeting Dates for 2006 April, 11 July, 11 October 10

FY2006
Athens-Clarke County Library
July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

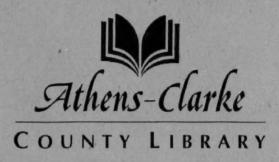
	FY2006	Amount		% of Budget
Revenue:	Amount	Received	Balance	Received
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,440,428.00	720,214.00	720,214.00	50.00%
City of Winterville	12,000.00		12,000.00	0.00%
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	37,653.71	32,346.29	53.79%
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	7,142.72	7,857.28	47.62%
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	950.00	1,000.00	48.72%
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	456.80	543.20	45.68%
Winterville Copy	125.00	95.62	29.38	76.50%
Interest	6,000.00	345.67	5,654.33	5.76%
Totals	1,546,503.00	766,858.52	779,644.48	49.59%

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
Expenditures:	Amount	Expended	Balance	Expended
Outreach	44,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	50.00%
Wages/Benefits	1,302,932.00	631,413.76	671,518.24	48.46%
Solinet	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00%
Workers Compensation	6,500.00		6,500.00	0.00%
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	7,476.47	523.53	93.46%
Telephone	14,000.00	6,208.16	7,791.84	44.34%
Postage	6,500.00	1,583.66	4,916.34	24.36%
Travel	2,500.00	149.00	2,351.00	5.96%
Advertising	7,000.00	3,938.16	3,061.84	56.26%
Insurance	5,000.00	3,069.00	1,931.00	61.38%
Supplies	29,171.00	13,971.75	15,199.25	47.90%
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	910.30	2,789.70	24.60%
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	1,469.14	3,530.86	29.38%
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	149.00	1,351.00	9.93%
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	1,403.00	7,597.00	15.59%
Electricity	85,000.00	46,691.71	38,308.29	54.93%
Gas Heat	8,000.00	4,753.29	3,246.71	59.42%
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	1,332.60	6,167.40	17.77%
Totals	1,546,503.00	746,519.00	799,984.00	48.27%

Revenue over (under) expenditures

20,339.52

	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel	628,543.00	314,271.50	314,271.50	50.00%
Materials	71,285.00	32,744.49	38,540.51	45.93%
M&O/System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	40,785.52	36,962.48	52.46%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	59,757.84	82,131.16	42.12%
	919,465.00	447,559.35	471,905.65	48.68%
SPLOST:				
Athens*	127,687.52	54,443.71	73,243.81	42.64%
Winterville	1,500.00	665.21	834.79	44.35%
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	550.27	949.73	36.68%
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	491.23	1,008.77	32.75%
TOTALS	132,187.52	56,150.42	76,037.10	42.48%
Total State Grants & SPLOST	1,051,652.52	503,709.77	547,942.75	47.90%
*Includes \$2,187.52 from FY2005 funding				
Fund Equity ("Reserve")				
Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/05 Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:	272,551.00			
Vacation Liability	(130,916.51)			
One Months Operating Expense	(128,708.58)	1.2		
	12,925.91			
Other Entrepreneurial Activities				
	Passport Profit ar	nd Loss Statemen	t FY2006	
Balance in Passport 07/01/05	15,853.15			
Revenues				
07/01/05 - 12/31/05	5,910.00			
Total Revenues	5,910.00			
Expenditures				
Verizon pagers	17.92			
Printing - Office Max	112:56			
Postage through 12/31/05	62.56			
Total Expenditures	130.48			
Net Profit	5,779.52			
Current Balance in Passport Fund	21,632.67			



Endowment Fund, Inc. Progress Report January 10, 2006

Financial Status

♦ The Endowment Fund's current total is \$590,074.21.

Board News

♦ The Endowment Board has identified potential members for the board and will be recruiting these individuals this month.

New Campaign

The new campaign to raise \$300,000 will be starting very soon. The 'case upport' brochure will be printed as soon as we have a final list of board members. These brochures will be given to potential donors. Another version of the brochure (more economical) will be available in the lobby for anyone to pick up. An endowment website is also in the works. An event to honor Frances and Upshaw Bentley and to raise awareness and funds for the library's endowment will be held in March.

Ideas/Suggestions

◆ Ideas for a fundraiser? Suggestions for potential donors? Let us know!

Stories for all

By Chris I. Starrs Correspondent

While the fifth annual Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival recognizes inventive individuals who are expert at whipping up a good yarn, the local event, set for Saturday, also honors the memory of Harriet Powers, who may have been the Athens area's first storyteller.

According to Mary E. Lyons' book "Stitching Stars: The Story Quilts of Harriet Powers," Powers was born into slavery in 1837 in Madison County, and as a freed slave, she created a pair of "story quilts" that related tales from the Bible.

The quilts now hang in the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Fine Art in Boston. There's also a quilt replica at the Athens-Clarke County Library, one of the pri-mary sponsors of the story-

telling festival.
"We wanted to honor this amazing local woman who created these folk Bible story quilts," says Jackie Elsner, children's librarian at the Athens-Clarke County Library. "And it's even more significant that we are able to hold the festival at the Seney-Stovall Chapel, where an art teacher from the nearby cy Cobb Institute purchased e of the quilts. We named the tival 'Stitching Stars' to recognize and remember Harriet Powers."

The festival features some of The festival features some of the heavyweights of the regional storytelling circuit, including Bil Lepp, a five-time champion of the West Virginia Liars Contest and a popular published author, Atlanta resident Betty Ann Wylie, who has entertained listerers for more than 40 years. teners for more than 40 years; and Cuban-born Tersi Agra Bendiburg, who brings music, history and passion to the forefront of her presentations.

Also on board will be Athens storyteller Dorothy Holt and emcee Kelly McGlaun Fields, a

member of the local Town & Gown Players who is also known as Grandmother Goose.

"Storytelling is very popular in a lot of U.S. cities, and while Athens has a lot to offer, storytelling hasn't been part of the picture," says Stacey Overstreet, public relations specialist for the Athens-Clarke Library. "We wanted storytelling to be repre-sented because it's such a neat art form. We want to build this up so we can have another great cultural event that attracts lots

of people."

The Stitching Stars festival is broken up into three sessions. The first concert — designed especially for children and fea-

turing Wylie and Holt - will be held at 10 a.m. and is free to the public. The afternoon section, from 2-5 p.m., will showcase Lepp, Wylie and Bendiburg, as will the evening portion of the event, which begins at 7 p.m.
"The event is getting more

popular each year, and we usually have a pretty good out-of-town crowd attending," says Overstreet. "Bil Lepp will be a big draw. And we're so proud to have Dorothy involved; every year we try to have a local storyteller represented. There will be two completely different performances, so people will hear different stories in the evening than they heard earlier in the day.

The fifth annual Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival

Featuring Bil Lepp, Betty Ann Wylle, Tersi Agra Bendiburg, Athens storyteller Dorothy Hold and emcee Kelly McGlaun 'Grandmother Goose' Fields

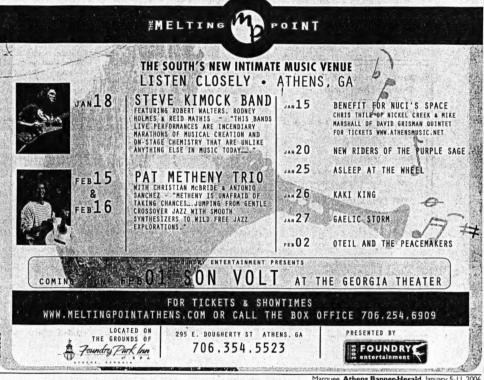
When: Saturday, Jan. 7: 10-10:50 a.m.: free storytelling concert for children; 2-5 p.m.: afternoon storytelling concert; 7-9:30 p.m.: evening storytelling concert

Where: Seney-Stovall Chapel, 210 N. Milledge Ave.

Cost: Full day tickets \$10; afternoon concert only \$6; evening concert only \$7

Call: (706) 613-3650, extension 314 or go to www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/stitching.ht

Tickets will be sold at the door and the box office will open at 1:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m.



Marquee, Athens Banner-Herald, January 5-11, 2006

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steries

Author inspired with ailing wife

By Wayne Ford wayne.ford@onlineathens.com

Brian Jay Corrigan has stood on the shore of the Loch Ness lake in Scotland, where for decades a legendary serpent has beget imaginations and monster hunters. He was only 13 when his mind, wandering from the more adult activities of a wedding reception, first imagined such a beast in Kansas.

Standing near the shore of Lake Perry, he now recalls, "I was looking across the lake as the sun went down and imagining how mystical and wonderful it would be if something rose up out of the lake. It's a very strong memory. I thought at that time how wonderful it would be to write a story about what this felt like.'

Today, Corrigan has written his debut novel, "The Poet of Loch Ness," and it does have the creature. But it's not a story about the lake's legend.

"The Loch Ness monster is really more of a metaphor of secrets hidden beneath the surface," he said one recent day in a study hall of the Main Library at the University of Georgia.

The novel is about mystery.

"It's about the mysteries of love and relationships and mysteries of the heart," said Corrigan, a professor of Renaissance literature at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega.

The book has suspense and romance, but

CAFÉ AU LIBRIS

When: 7 p.m. Friday Where: Athens-Clarke County Library, Baxter Street

What: Four authors to discuss their most recent books. Loran Smith ("Wally's Boys" "Beloved Dawgs"); Julie Cannon ("Those Pearly Gates"); Brian Jay Corrigan ("The Poet of Loch Ness"); and Gail Karwoski ("Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean"). Live music, coffees, desserts and a silent auction.

Cost: Free admission with proceeds benefiting the library.

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RIGHT AT HOME Letting go starts early

Last weekend, my daughter excitedly captured a tiger swallowtail caterpillar and announced it as her pet. She put it in a pitcher, along with a couple of leaves, on the screened-in porch and periodically checked on it.

The following day, after I advised she set the caterpillar free,



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Columnist

had not eaten any of its leaves, which gave me further leverage in my case to convince her that caterpillars aren't meant to be kept. With practically no hesitation, Ella scooped the creature up,

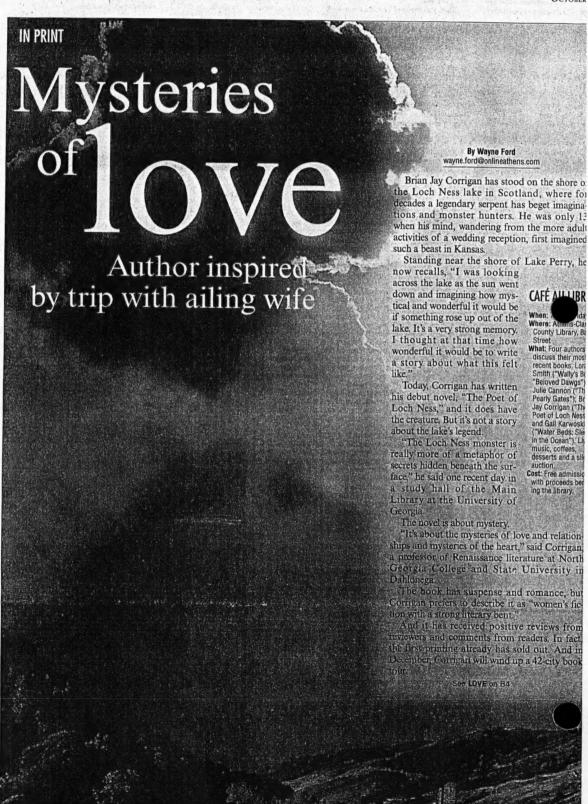
we noticed it

opened the screen door, and tossed it to the ground. After only a few seconds of considering the caterpillar's finiteness, she began a mourning process that seemed a bit too advanced for her 4-year-old psyche, and all the while, I was marveling at the irony of her sorrow.

Initially, I thought she simply wanted the caterpillar back in her control, but after I explained its certain demise should it be held hostage too long. Ella sobbed that she did not want it to die, nor did she want it to turn into a butterfly — as it would be too hard to keep up with. This went on and on, to the point that I suggested she retrieve her beloved pet if that would make it better, but she assured me it would not. It seemed that in that moment, she had clearly understood the brevity of life and all its stages.

What she doesn't yet see is that I share her grief. She's my chrysalis, not yet a butterfly, but moving so swiftly to becoming one that it saddens me even as it fills me with joy. Her crawling caterpillar brother threatens to make the transition even more rapidly - at least where speed and flight are concerned. Only a few nights earlier, when getting Billy from his crib in the dark, I adored his smallness as he sat silently, studying me with his huge, wide eyes. Once I had him snuggled in beside me I was taken aback by the realization that he would one day be entirely too large to hold and his voice would

Of course, there is nothing quite as fascinating as watching the evolution of a living being. Having witnessed the growth of one child for four years I now wait with eager anticipation to see how my son will change over the same period of time. Every now and then, while watching a



TODAY'S BEST BETS

- Halloween Write Around Home Noon, The Classic Center, 300 N. Thomas St.; William N. Bender; (706) 357-4417.
- · Memorial Park Halloween events -Memorial Park, 293 Gran Ellen Drive: (706) 613-3580:
- Halloween Screams: A Haunted House! - Today, Athens Creative Theatre, Memorial Park; \$10 adults, \$8 students (12+) and seniors (55+), \$5 children under 12.
- The Haunted Zoo Tours every 20 minutes from 6:20 to 9 p.m.; \$2 per person; www.accleisureservices. com.
- Collision Tour '05 7 p.m., The Classic Center, 300 N. Thomas St.; performance by David Crowder Band, Shane & Shane and Robbie Seay Band; tickets \$12-\$20; www.classiccenter.com or (706) 357-4444.
- . "Nightmare on Broad Street: 4th Annual Boobutante Ball" - Doors open at 8 p.m., bands begin at 9 p.m., Tasty World; downstairs bands will be Bling the Children Back Home, Entropy, The Moby Dicks; costume contest hosted by Sasha at midnight; upstairs Dash Productions hosts a night of dance tunes with a drag show at 10:30 p.m.; admission \$5 for 21 and up; \$7 under 21; www.boybutante.org.
- The Festival Quartet 8:30 p.m.. Flicker Theatre and Bar, 263 W. Washington St.; (706) 546-0039.
- Farm 255 Halloween Masquerade Ball - 9 p.m., Farm 255, 255 W. Washington St.; featuring The SLO Quartet and Greensky Bluegrass; \$10 advance: (706) 549-4660.
- . Halloween bash: The Magictones ('70s and '80s covers). The Fuzzy Sprouts -Doors at 9 p.m., 40 Watt Club, 285 W. Washington St.; \$7; (706) 549-7871.
- · Annual Moonshine Halloween: Moonshine Still, Liquid Jungle - Doors at 9 p.m., Georgia Theatre, 215 N. Lumpkin St.; \$8 in advance; (706) 549-9918.
- . Halloween part 2: David Barbe & the Quick Hooks (9 p.m.), DJ Cut a Rug and the Big Nasty (11 p.m.; cover is \$4 before 11 p.m. and \$5 after 11 p.m.) -Caledonia Lounge, 256 W. Clayton St.: (706) 549-5577.
- Death Becomes "Her" II Kultur Lounge, 433 E. Hancock Ave: Halloween hach union bulturlaunas not or (706)

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monster.

"The Poet of Loch Ness" takes place during the summer at the Loch Ness in Scotland, where it explores



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married love with a theme from Shakespeare's "Winter Tale." The second book, tentatively called "The Italian Translation," takes place in Amalfi, Italy, dur- Federal Drug Administration. ing spring, and explores a widow dealing with lost love. A ghost is interwoven into the story.

The third, "Bridge House." takes place in the Lake District time work here in the Classics of England and involves a divorced woman with fairies as loves it." the mystical element. The fourth, "The Banshee Stone," takes place in Fermanagh County, Northern Ireland, and is about a single woman, with the legend of the Banshee as the magical touch.

The mystical elements in the stories are done in a way to dovetail realism, Corrigan said.

And it was a real circumstance that inspired these stories - Corrigan's love for his wife, Damaris Corrigan, an instructor of classical mythology at UGA. In 1992, she wasn't expected to live two more years. She was diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension, a disease that affects the blood flow. It was one of life's unavnosted

The novel is the first of four that evening, but didn't have a ative family. His mother was a

"We still have the silk dress," Corrigan said.

After the illness was diagnosed, the couple traveled to Scotland, where Damaris had spent her junior year in college abroad at St. Andrews Universi-

"At the time, we both thought she was dying," he said about their trip to Europe. "We were making the most for what time we had."

But his wife held on to life and, about the time he contracted for his debut novel, a new medicine was approved by the

"It's been wonderful and reversed a lot of the problems," he said. "She's well enough this semester to come back to full-Department. She absolutely

Corrigan grew up in a cre- ly study.

Tower Adorables in Kansas City, and his great-grandmother owned a vaudevillian touring company. Corrigan himself has acted, including reading twice for the role of Luke Skywalker in Star Wars at the age of 17. The role went to Mark Hamill.

over into his writing.

"I started as a playwright really, so there's a lot of that in the book. The book in many ways is meant to be read aloud. When I go on my book tours, I don't just go and sign books. I actually perform parts of the novel and it plays very well," he said. "Reading aloud takes us back to bedtime when mom or grandma read us their stories. It was always better when they did the voices."

Corrigan has a reputation among his scholarly colleagues regarding his passion for Shakespeare, but he doesn't look at Shakespeare as merely a scholar-

"It doesn't matter who we're talking about, whether it's Shakespeare or Dickens or Twain or anybody. These are not intellectual pursuits. First and foremost they are emotional pursuits. If you're not opening yourself emotionally to literature, you're not open to literature."

He does have a favorite phrase from Shakespeare and it comes And this acting skill carries from "A Midsummer's Night Dream."

> "It's a line spoken by the fairy queen Titania. She is describing her world and in a brief snippet of a phrase she refers to 'the beached margent of the sea."

Corrigan pauses.

"I don't know why. Don't ask me," he said. "It's just a visceral reaction to it, but it's absolutely gorgeous."

Corrigan can't fathom a reason. But maybe it's because he was a young boy on the beached margent of Lake Perry in Kansas looking across the placid water creased with the sun's last shadows and imaging what marvels the world might hold.

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before 11 and \$5 after 11 p.m.) — Caledonia e, 256 W. Clayton St.;

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 DJ Invisible — Lunch Paper, 235 W. Washington St.; (706) 549-4322.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Oct. 31, the 304th day of 2005. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.
Today's Highlight in History:

In 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95
Theses on the door of the Wittenberg
Palace church, marking the start of the
Protestant Reformation in Germany.

Today's Birthdays: Former Attorney General Griffin Bell is 87. Former CBS
anchorman Dan Rather is 74. Actor
Ron Rifkin is 66. Talk show host Jane
Pauley is 55. Movie director Peter Jackson is 44. Actor Dermot Mulroney is
42. Actor Rob Schneider is 41. Country
singer Darryl Worley is 41.



UGA. In 1992, she wasn't expected to live two more years. She was diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension, a disease that affects the blood flow. It was one of life's unexpected turns for the couple, who met while going to law school at Tulane University. Their meeting, like a twist in a novel, might have been set in motion by a dress.

She sat beside a friend in class and mentioned she'd bought a new silk dress, but had no place to wear it. This same friend later sat beside Corrigan in another class and he mentioned he'd like to go dancing





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YOU NEVER KNOW what storybook subjects will spark a child's mind: Hummingbirds in hover over their nest. A librarian lost at the zoo. A boy guarding the coast for enemy planes in World War II. These are just some of the characters and settings living in pages crafted for children. And librarians with Athens-Clarke County know just where to find them. In celebration of Children's Book Week, Nov. 14-20, we checked out some of their bookshelf favorites. Moms and dads will find a treasure or two as well. Remember The Adventures of Brer Rabbit by Joel Chandler Harris? He returns in a fresh adaptation. "Parenthood takes a person back to what they experienced and have forgotten," said Jackie Elsner, the children's librarian at Athens-Clarke County Library. "Parents reacquaint themselves with nursery rhymes and books and things they enjoyed as a child."



Jackie Elsner, children's librarian at Athens-Clarke County Library, reads Chih-Yuan Chen's "Guji Guji" during Bedtime Stories on Monday evening.

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Deck your table with these holiday hors d'oeuvres

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Police confirm bones as missing man's

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Human remains found off North Avenue Bailey's dental records to the intact set of feeth tery, however, as a Georgia Bureau of Investi- evidence of foul play, they have not ruled out earlier this month were identified Tuesday as in the skull along with other skeletal parts gation forensic anthropologist was unable to that possibility. those of Larry Bailey, a 38-year-old Athens found Nov. 9 by workers clearing land at a conman missing for more than two years, Athens-struction site between Strickland Avenue and

The identification was made by comparing

GBI unable to nail down cause of death

Bray Street, police said.

find any signs of foul play.

"He's been over the body with a microscope prove it," Holeman said. and still can't see any cause of death," said Lt. The cause of death continues to be a mys- Clarence Holeman of the Athens-Clarke Police

Investigators have long suspected that Bai-

"I still think that's a possibility, but we can't

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UGA DOCTORAL STUDENT RECOUNTS EXPERIENCE IN SRI LANKA



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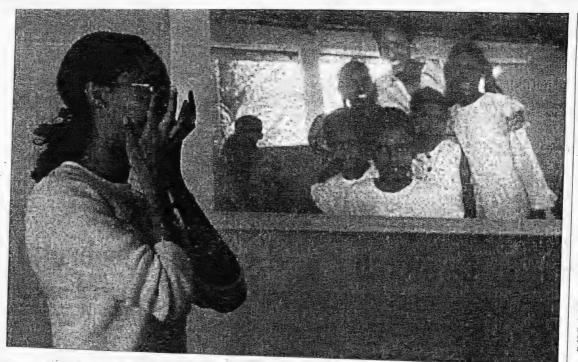
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

Sign put up after grand jury request

ATHENS CLARACT COUNTY LIBRARY

A grand jury investigating a summertime motorcycle wreck in downtown Athens came back not only with indictments, but with a way to prevent fewer collisions.

The grand jury recommended last month that a new one-way street sign be installed at the corner



Mahlet Endale, originally of Ethiopia, wipes tears from her eyes Tuesday during a brown bag lunch lecture at the Athens-Clarke County Library after retelling a story about a tional mental health, spent much of February and March in Sri Lanka, counseling victims of the tsunami. She later helped counsel victims of Hurricane Katrina at Rock Eagle.

Counselor brings home story of tsunami

By Rebecca K. Quigley rebecca.quigley@onlineathens.com

Mahlet Endale abruptly stopped her presentation on counseling work in tsunami-torn Sri Lanka on Tuesday afternoon when pointing to a smiling 8-year-old girl in a group photo.

Almost a minute later, Endale regained the ability to speak of an event that she said struck deep into her heart.

The parents of the girl in the photo had asked Endale to take their daughter with her to the United States because they felt it was the daughter's only chance for a life beyond the tragedy that hit their village.

Endale met these and hundreds more tsunami victims from the Navaladi village on the east coast of Sri Lanka, an island country to the southeast of India.

The village, located on a narrow strip of land between a lagoon and the Indian Ocean, was nearly leveled in the Dec. 26 tsunami that killed more than 200,000 people in south Asia.

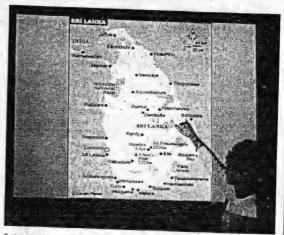
Navaladi village lost 4,300 members, about half of whom were children, Endale said.

The village was a thriving fishing village but "now it is entirely covered with sand," she said.

Endale, a third-year doctoral candidate in counseling psychology at the University of Georgia, lived in Sri Lanka last February and March as part of the Mental Health Outreach Program, a disaster response team under the United Sikhs, an international nonprofit organization that works to improve the conditions of disadvantaged and underserved people around the world.

Endale spoke to a small but engaged audience at the Athens-Clarke County Library on Tuesday about her experiences working with tsunami victims in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka.

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Endale explains where she was located when she responded as a counselor to victims in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, after the devastating tsunami of December 2004.

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A grand jury investigating a summertime motorcycle wreck in downtown Athens came back not only with indictments, but with a way to prevent fewer collisions

The grand jury recommended last month that a new one-way street sign be installed at the corner of North Hull and West Dougherty streets, where the accident occurred.

Michael Allen Thompson, then 21, of Cedar Shoals Drive lost a leg July 9 when his motorcycle was hit by a car driven by Marten Nabil Basta, then 17, of Macon. Basta, who was unfamiliar with the city, turned around and drove the wrong way down Hull Street after taking a wrong turn, hitting Thompson near the intersection with Dougherty Street, according to police reports and grand jury documents

"Grand Jurors familiar with the area believe the accident could have been avoided if the street signs were better," says the grand



District Attorney Ken Mauldin said it's not unusual for a grand jury to offer ideas for policy changes.

A grand jury has never made such a request, and transportation officials have no record of serious accidents at the intersection, said David Clark, director of the Athens-Clarke County Transportation Department.

But transportation officials decided it was a good idea, and installed the sign a month ago, Clark said. "We never had anything documented up to that accident," Clark said. "(But) the grand jury made a good recommendation, so we put it up."

While the best-known purpose of a grand jury is to indict accused criminals based on evidence presented by a prosecutor, they often suggest changes in policy related to public safety, Western Circuit District Attorney Ken Mauldin said.

"It's not unusual for them to make a recommendation about anything," Mauldin said.

A grand jury in July recommended that the Clarke County Sheriff's Office fill its vacant positions at the Clarke County Jail and the Athens-Clarke County Commission fund more jail deputies; that Clarke County schools teach the age of consent in their health and sexual education classes to reduce statutory rapes; and that the county commission increase funding for the Athens-Clarke Police Department's Drug and Vice Unit to cut down on illegal drug smuggling.

In years past, grand juries also have encouraged stronger local laws against alcohol consumption in response to accidents involving drunken drivers, Mauldin said. The recommendations don't carry the force of law, but copies are sent to local elected

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Monira Al-Haroun Silk/Staff Children's librarian Jackie Elsner, right, reacts Tuesday to a story that Mahlet Endale, a University of Georgia doctoral student studying international mental health, recounted from her trip to Sri Lanka as a mental health volunteer during a brown bag lunch lecture at the Athens-Clarke County Library.

SRI LANKA from A1

The library hosts a brown bag lunch speaker on the last Tuesday of the month with a different spokeswoman Stacey Overstreet.

"We always like to encourage street said

Having Endale speak for the of each other lunch series allows people the chance to hear first-hand effect on the men - the family men pondering their dismal accounts of global issues, Over- caretakers who are expected to be future.

"It really brings it home to emotion, Endale said. people." she said.

topic each month, said library audience with a heavy sense of many men discovered their chilutter helplessness and massive dren, and often entire extended said loss among a people whose culdialogue on timely issues." Over- ture is rooted in family and the the waves, she said. support family members require

strong and expected not to show

Endale's presentation left the otherwise routine fishing trips. families, dead or washed away by

The tsunami had the most Endale heard over and over from

While some victims claimed she said.

the disaster was God's punish-Returning home from their ment for the country's civil unrest, "others completely lost faith in God altogether." Endale

The support groups that began with the help of the coun-"What do I do now? Where do selors helped victims to build a go?" were the questions that cohesive story of what happened and hopefully, will allow the villagers to resume and rebuild their lives after the aid workers leave,

Driving class helps put parents at ease

By Merritt Melancon iuliana melancon@onlineathens.com

Since the mid-1980s, when most Georgia high schools cut drivers' education programs from their daily curricula because of the lack of state funding, more and more of the burden of teaching Georgia's teenagers to drive has shifted last two years. from trained driver education teachers to parents: a prospect that many parents find stressinducing

Parents sometimes are just too close to the situation to not be alarmed by their beginning driver's performance on the road, and that can lead to personal conflicts between parents and children that hinder the driver training process, said Stan-Fricks, a veteran driver's education instructor at Oconee County High School

With teenagers, (they) tend to believe that anyone can be an expert at something except for their parents," Fricks said.

At this time only Jackson County, Jefferson City and Madison County school systems offer drivers' education courses as part of their regular high school curricula

Oconee and Barrow counties offer the classes at their schools after the end of the school day. but parents have to pay between \$275 and \$300 in tuition for the class - about the same price charged by a private driving school

One objective of a free class offered by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and the Governor's next PRIDE class in Oconee Office of Highway Safety is to teach parents how to train their

Parents interested in participating in the PRIDE program can visit

www.ridesalegeorgia.org for a

information on how to register

schedule of uncoming classes and

ON THE WEB

classes in Clarke County for the

The two-hour classes are designed for parents and their teenage drivers, and no teenage driver is allowed to take it without a parent

The ideal time for parents and children to take the class is right before the teen gets their learner's permit." Thompson said. "The class focuses on the child and parent's attitudes toward driving and the drivertraining process, and on the responsibilities that come along with driving and teaching someone how to drive."

State licensing laws now require parents to give their children 40 hours of driving instruction before a teen can get a

The PRIDE class teaches parents how to structure that 40 hours, said Cpl. Kenneth Straughter of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office.

The PRIDE class also is attractive to parents because it gives information about Georgia's procedures for licensing drivers, many of which have changed since parents got their licenses. Straughter said.

We're basically going for the pre-prep stuff," said Greg Hayes, whose son is signed up for the County. "They explain the process of getting a license and explain some of the safety issues separate groups, so that they can answered

The class is not a replacement for a traditional drivers' educaparents how to be more effective threat assessment level is red, the highest . Thompson just helped exten- at educating their young driver.

CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Board to vote on \$4,000 insurance for band trip

By Alisa Marie DeMao alisa demao@onlineathens.com

Insurance coverage for a Clarke Middle School band trip to the Bahamas will cost \$4.000 - and Clarke County School District officials will have to decide next week who will foot the bill

The April trip has proven controversial in recent weeks - although band members have taken such a trip several times in the past. Superintendent Lewis Holloway decided not to approve it this year. The Clarke County Board of Education voted last month to override that decision and allow band members to take the trip, after pleas from students and parents who already have Dec. 8 meeting. been fundamenta on or the ten al expenses

Tuesday from the Georgia School Boards Association, which prepared the quote -ACE American Insurance Co. will provide general liability for a \$4,000 premium, district staff told school board members Tuesday.

The coverage doesn't include "abuse or molestation" or "war or terrorism," according to the exclusions that are listed. GSBAcan provide some additional coverage for sexual misconduct and student injuries, but that plan doesn't cover kidnapping or ransom a concern that's been voiced a handful of times in discussions about international field

Board members voted Tuesday to place the insurance policy on the agenda for their

We'll need to discuss who have the

to the curriculum probably will prevent the Bahamas cruise in the future

Revised school district policies on field trips and fundraising also will be presented to the board for a vote during the Dec. 8 meeting - a new version of the policy on fundraisers says that schools can't raise teen drivers in a more profesmoney for field trips until they've been sional manner: Ways to keep involved. They actually split the approved, while a more stringent policy on their patience when their teenage parents and kids up into two field trips includes additional travel restric-son or daughter is behind the tions and requires insurance for trips out of wheel and how to communicate ask their different questions septhe country. Students wouldn't be allowed to with them during the training arately and have them take field trips to any country on the U.S. process, said Penny Thompson, a State Department's watch list of countries University of Georgia Family that are dangerous for tourists of U.S. citi- and Consumer Sciences extenzens; they also wouldn't be allowed to go to sion agent based in Clarke tion course, but it does teach U.S. cities where the Homeland Security County

DECEMBER 5, 2005

RIGHT AT HOME For families. a lot rests on good nights

If there's one issue all parents struggle with to some degree, it has to be sleep. As it seems to happen so often, my children confirm my words with their impeccable timing. No sooner had I typed that first sentence than did I

> hear the pitter patter of little feet - Ella out of bed for the second time this evening. It's an unusual night when we put our children to bed and don't see them again before daylight. And this, no



LEWIS

Columnist

doubt, would be con-

sidered a minor problem (if a problem at all) for many. Not long ago in this column I mentioned the challenges I've had getting my baby to nap, and within a couple of days, at least three strangers approached me to say that they were having the same troubles and

The myriad concepts that surround sleep are bewildering. Where to sleep (crib, family bed, co-sleeper, car seat, stroller), how to sleep (nurse, rock, or let baby "cry it out"), what position to sleep in (side, back, belly), how often to sleep (two or three naps, or none at all!), what time to sleep (based on biological rhythms or your personal schedule), and even quality of sleep are all up for consideration. How ironic, that the most restful state we can put ourselves in would cause so much unrest in our waking hours.

one mom even loaned me a book.

I finally had the chance to peruse the loaned book while traveling last week. I skimmed all the chapters and was grateful that we haven't had to lock anyone in their room or capture a sleepwalker, yet. I was stumped by a few statements like, "Never wake a sleeping baby." Am I supposed to leave my other child at school while waiting for my baby to wake? Apparently, the author didn't mean what he said,

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY



Photo illustration by David Walter Banks/Staff

Business and beliefs

Teacher's research focuses on faith at work

By Wayne Ford wayne.ford@onlineathens.com

A argaret Benefiel was teaching various college courses on spirituality,

argaret Benefiel was teaching various college courses on spirituality, ranging from prayer to preparing for the ministry, when she kept hearing about the problems spiritual people find in their workplace. While the courses she taught were helpful in their personal lives, these people had difficulties in dealing with dilemmas they experienced on the job.

"They didn't know how to bring spiritual principles into those situations,"

Benefiel said.

"I thought there must be ways of integrating what we know about spirituality with what is known about leadership and organization. I took a leave of absence and spent some time studying

those areas," she said.

That was about 11 years ago. Today, Benefiel is an acknowledged expert in the field of spirituality in organizations. She'll cover the topic in a free discussion at 7 tonight in the Athens-Clarke County Library. Benefiel is currently a teacher at the Andover Newton Theological School in Boston and the Milltown Institute in Dublin.

A Quaker minister, she often preaches at cities where she is on tour for her newest book, "Soul at Work: Spiritual Leadership in Organizations."

Spiritual people need not leave their beliefs at the office

door, according to Benefiel.

"I'm interested in people bringing their spirituality, their whole self, into the workplace in a way that enhances the workplace for everybody in a way that is inclusive of people from different backgrounds," she said.

"It's not about converting people or trying to make everyone your religion. It's about how can your spiritual values and principles enhance your dealings with other people, both in the workplace and how you serve your customers, she said.

During a time of such business scandals as WorldCom and Enron, Benefiel said her book gives numerous examples of how businesses have practiced ethical conduct. For example, one company, Reell Precision Manufacturing of St. Paul, Minn., was formed in 1970 by three men who wanted to put family ahead of work.

One of their guiding principles was a commitment to what was right, even if it may not be profitable, expedient or conventional.

"That's pretty unusual for a business to say that," she said.

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MARGARET BENEFIEL

What: Author speaks on "Soul at Work: Spiritual Leadership in Organizations'

When: 7 tonight

Where: Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium, 2025 Baxter St.

Cost: Free

Call: (706) 613-3650

Book: "Soul at Work: Spiritual Leadership in Organizations" by Margaret Benefiel, Published by Seabury Books, 445 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. paperback. \$20

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Box Office

'Harry Potter' keeps magic alive with \$20.45 million weekend

LOS ANGELES - The third weekend was still a charm for "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," which remained the top movie with \$20.45 million.

Worldwide, the latest adventure of boy wizard Harry has taken in \$560 million.

Charlize Theron's sci-fi tale "Aeon Flux," a movie apparently so bad distributor Paramount did not screen it beforehand for critics, still managed to debut in second place with \$13.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

With "Aeon Flux" the only notable new wide release, the remainder of the top 10 was filled out with holdover flicks, led by 20th Century Fox's Johnny Cash chronicle "Walk the Line," the No. 3 movie with \$10 million.

Dennis Quaid's latest, "Yours, Mine & Ours," brought in \$8.4 million for the fourth spot.

"Just Friends," a comedy with Amy Smart and Ryan Reynolds, came in at No. 5 with \$5.9 million.

- Associated Press

Tomorrow



Put down that roll!

Unless you're willing to these things to work it o

BELIEFS from B1

In 1975, Reell encountered tough economic times, and a layoff loomed. For the company leaders, this was a dilemma because they had made promises to their employees. So they used a process of prayer and discernment and sought God's direction, she said. Instead of laying off workers, they offered everyone the option of taking a cut in salary or in hours worked.

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"Everyone agreed. Morale stayed high and after several months, everyone was restored to full pay," she said.

Benefiel grew up in Elma, Wash., a small town outside Olympia. She has two younger sisters and both of her parents are natives of Washington state. But she left the Northwest after high school to attend Princeton University, where she earned a degree in history.

"I had grown up in the Methodist church, but went through an adolescent rebellion when I was in high school and rejected all that. When I was in college, I came back to faith through a campus group," she

After college she worked for three years in campus ministry at the University of Oregon and Southern Oregon State. She obtained a master's degree in math at Portland State University, and taught math at that college for several years before going to a Quaker theological school for a master's

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2005. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:

In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of 1949 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Little Richard is 73. Author Joan Didion is 71. Country singer Gary Allan is 38. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 37. Actor Frankie Muniz is 20.



in theology and spirituality in Indiana. Then she went to Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., for her doctorate in those subjects. She moved to Boston, Mass,, for a post doctoral fellowship, and remains there today.

Benefiel said that when her research began in spirituality in the workplace, "I found, to my surprise, that I got people from business and health care organizations and even people from government and all different settings that I hadn't expected to be so interested in spirituality."

"I found there was a great hunger for spirituality in those settings," she said.

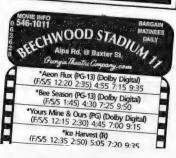
People often find ethical dilemmas at work.

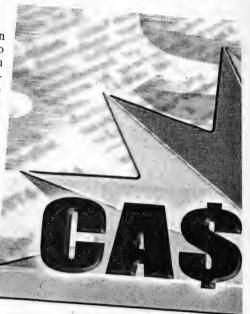
"Leaders or managers who use prayer and discernment make better decisions," she said. "Studies show that half of managerial decisions fail. And that's because people feel pressure from supervisors or subordinates to do something that may not be best. They feel time pressures to make a quick decision."

Today, she said people want a good work environment.

"People - they want a business approach that will treat people well and will work for the long run," she said.







687 entries, n

None of the 687 entries submitted for last week's puzzle produced the winning combination of words. As a result, the Cashword prize purse is now worth \$1,100. While some answers were close, no one was able to come up with the right combination of words. The deadline for entering the contest is noon Thursday. For your convenience, there is a drop box in our parking lot off East Broad

Last Week's Answers



ACROSS

Street.

- CARRIAGES not marriages. The clue implies that the public over the years witnesses royal CAR-RIAGES close at hand, as they carry royalty to formal functions. Actual royal marriages are witnessed close at hand by only specially selected guests, not generally by the populace as a whole.
- CAPS not cups. The clue implies that the dirtiness is unexpected, which is truer of CAPS. Cups, normally, are clean before they are used. They are expected to be dirty after use
- TAPPING not rapping. Sharp TAP-PING coming from a coffin is more grammatically correct. Rapping (defined as: striking quickly and sharply) is redundant, making the clue word, sharp, pointless
- ACID not arid. A wine could have

with the scent (e.g., soap, etc.). Productic blame in the case although it may also b the writers, for example

- TABLE not cable. A TA tabulated list of faci regarded more as a sou mation than cable (e radio), which is the broa information. A cable prov likely be a writer, intervie host or journalist.
- STRIFE not strike. The cl generally, all the people, a ed to mean the general put fits well with STRIFE. The more encompassing tha which may well involve only number of specific employer
- FULLEST not dullest. The F accounts give all the facts ures, certainly. But the accounts may dwell on v aspects (e.g., what a travelin panion said verbatim with th and figures completely ignored

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REPRINT not repaint. REPR more apt since the activists likely PRINT it in big, legible I in order to ensure the slogan is to read. The idea of activists h the ability to repaint what is equivalent of a company's com cial advertising slogan is far-fetc

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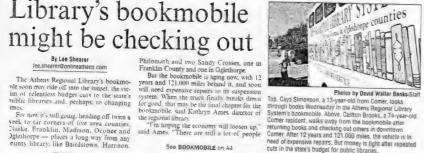
BUDGET CUTS COULD SPELL THE END OF A LITERARY TRADITION



Library's bookmobile might be checking out

ounty library, like Bairdstown, Harrison,

See BOOKMOBILE on A4



Photos by David Walter Banks/Staff

System's bookmobile. Above, Carlton Brooks, a 74-year-old Comer resident, walks away from the bookmobile after Comer After 12 years and 121.000 miles, the vehicle is in need of expensive repairs. But money is tight after repeated cuts in the state's budget for public libraries

DIRECTOR'S REPORT January 10, 2006

This has been a very busy quarter with several special events, meetings, and change. In Athens, we've been hard at work planning for the completion of the Building Program. In your packet of materials, I've given you the preliminary schedule for construction. The preapplication is due on February 15 and requires identification of funding, size of addition, preliminary cost estimates [these were completed by Heery 2 years ago]. It is a very basic form and the only signatures required are mine and the Mayor/CEO. The maximum state grant this year is \$2 million per system; the rumor is that this amount may be increased for FY2008. Given inflation for building materials and the unexpected that is sure to show up in a renovation project, we can use additional funds!

The Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival was held on Saturday, Jan. 7 with over 330 people in attendance throughout the day. What a wonderful event and opportunity to hear outstanding storytellers. The day began with a free session at the Library and included afternoon and evening sessions held at the Seney-Stovall Chapel. The final tally of funds has not yet been completed, but the organizers anticipate a nice profit. Storytellers included Bill Lepp, Betty Ann Wylie, Tersi Agra Bendiberg, and Dorothy Holt. The program is sponsored by the Athens-Clarke County Endowment, Heyward Allen, JJ Reneaux Festival Tellers Grant, Todd Emily, Holiday Inn, and Foodworks.

Our "Give a Gift to the Library 2005" campaign netted several new items for the library. Reference received 5 new books; computer operations received a memory card reader and CD-RW disks; Audio Visual received several sets of Putumayo World Music; the Children's area received a wooden doll house, furnishings, and families, 13 children's books, and puppets; the Young Adult area received several series of paperback books, all much appreciated! The value of these donations was \$1000.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will once again be providing new computers. The Library has until the end of 2007 to use the funds for the purchase of public use equipment and we expect that we'll wait a bit to purchase them since we just installed 140 new units.

PINES Update. Evergreen is coming! The Athens system will be a beta test site for this new improved software. Currently, 252 libraries in 123 counties participate and 6 additional counties will be added in the Fall. PINES is a borderless library which provides equal access to library materials and information for member libraries. Over 7.8 million books can be delivered to the borrower's home library at no charge to the user. The new Evergreen system offers more customization and ease of use. We anticipate testing to begin in May. The full roll-out is scheduled for September 2006 and should be very exciting!

The Gates Foundation is also providing a competitive grant to reach out to the Spanish speaking people in Georgia. Five libraries were selected to participate [Athens, Hall, Gwinnett, Ohoopee Regional in Vidalia, and South Georgia in Valdosta]. Miguel

Vicente of our Pinewoods location will be going to Seattle on Monday for the 4-day conference. He plans to visit the Portland Board of Education on Friday to see how the BOE has integrated Plaza Comunitaria into the school curriculum as well as how they provide outreach to the city. The Gates trainer, Yolanda Cuesta is an expert in the field and will be sharing some unique ideas with the group. Miguel's unique experience is sure to complement this training.

Personnel Issues: One Circulation Supervisor has left to return to Gainesville College full-time and the Talking Book Center Manager left to take a higher paid position in the community. We have promoted Claudia Markov and Pete Hayek to be comanagers of the Center and hired Amber Wilkerson to be their assistant. Kaye Haynes who was working in both circulation and on the bookmobile is now a Circulation Supervisor. She will continue to work one day a week on the bookmobile. We've had significant turn-over in the student ranks. This is not unexpected.

There has been much discussion about the Patriot Act in libraries. A letter from the FBI or a court order or subpoena would require the library director to turn over the specified records. Under the Patriot Act, a librarian would be expected to turn over the data without discussion and could not tell anyone that the request had been received. The major concern in Georgia is the ownership of PINES records. After this discussion, it was agreed that the local system director should comply with the request for information. However, ultimately, it is the state library that possesses complete information. It was my understanding that the PINES network maintains a complete record of every transaction since 1999. At the system level, we have access only to the current user and one previous user.

The Director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System is currently under federal indictment for 5 counts of felony theft. As expected, this has triggered stronger audit requirements. Mamie Simonds will be attending 3 workshops sponsored by the Carl Vinson Institute designed for library business managers. One of the requirements is that all funds for all libraries in a system must flow through the regional system and be budgeted and fully documented. We believe we are in compliance with this. In particular, we are looking to be sure employee use of library credit cards is checked carefully and this seems not to be an issue. In our regular staff meetings, we will again stress the need for a complete paper trail for all transactions.

Legislative Day is January 24 and I hope that if you can attend, you will. And if you cannot, please write or call our legislative delegation. It is important to support the Buck for Books program. I don't anticipate that we'll get all of it, but it's important for libraries to have adequate funding to purchase new materials. Even at the 60 cents per capita level in 2001, we didn't have enough; today at 35 cents per capita, we are struggling.

And once the budget is submitted, I hope that each of you will attend the hearing and talk with our commissioners. The only way we can make changes is to ask for consideration. It means so much more coming from you than from me!!!

Thanks again for all you do to support the library!

Athens-Clarke County Budget Proposal FY 2007

	FY2006	FY2007	
Revenue:	Amount	Amount	Difference
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,440,428.00	1,827,490.00	387,062.00
City of Winterville	12,000.00	10,000.00	
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	70,000.00	
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	15,000.00	
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	1,950.00	
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Winterville Copy	125.00	125.00	
Interest	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,931,565.00	
	Budget	Budget	
Expenditures:	Amount	Amount	
Outreach	44,000.00	44,000.00	
Wages/Benefits	1,302,932.00	1,583,669.00	280,737.00
Solinet	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Telephone	14,000.00	14,000.00	
Postage	6,500.00	6,825.00	325.00
Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Advertising	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Supplies	29,171.00	29,171.00	
Materials		100,000.00	100,000.00
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	3,700.00	
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Electricity	85,000.00	85,000.00	
Gas Heat	8,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	7,500.00	
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,931,565.00	385,062.00

Revenue over (under) expenditures

Cost of giving all staff a 2% salary increase (with the exception of student positions) = \$36,059.00

Cost of giving .10 pay increase to hourly student employees = \$907.00

Cost of increasing police officers' salary from \$20 to \$25/hour = \$10,354.00

Cost of increase in gas heat = \$4,000.00

Cost of increase in postage stamp from .37 to .39 (aprox. 5% inc.) = \$325.00

Cost of full-time positions increase to minimum pay scale rate on ACCL salary schedule = \$61,279.00

Additional Cost of increasing all full-time positions for persons working 10 or more years to ACCL mid range = \$142.297.00 We have 6 PT (less than 40 hours) salaried employees who would be pro-rated to entry level and that cost would be \$29,841.00. Athens-Clarke County Budget Proposal FY2007

Proposed payroll increases and the cost involved (figures rounded to the nearest dollar)

- 1. Cost of increasing all staff (except for students) by 2% = \$ 36,059
- 2. Cost of giving a .10 cent raise to 11 students = \$907.00
- 3. We have 10 FT employees who are paid well below the ACC entry level. The cost to move all FT employees to this level would be \$61,279
- 4. We have 6 PT (less than 40 hours) salaried employees who would be pro-rated to entry level and that cost would be \$29,841.00.
- 5. There are 15 employees who have been with the system for 10 years or more, and the cost of moving these to mid-rate would be an additional \$142,297.00.
- 6. Increase Police Officers Salary from \$20 to \$25 dollars/hour. Total Cost is \$10,354.

Mfs 12/20/05



GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

January 4, 2006

Kathryn S. Ames, Director Athens Regional Library System 2025 Baxter St. Athens, Georgia 30606

Dear Ms. Ames:

This letter will serve as a confirmation of our recent communication concerning the maintenance of effort requirement (MOE) for state aid to public library systems. There are a number of requirements that a public library system must meet in order to qualify for state aid to public libraries, including MOE. A library system that is noncompliant with any of these requirements would become ineligible to receive state aid.

Specifically, Board of Regents policy 160-6-2-.01(2)(f) 1 reads, "Local support for the current year shall be equal to or more than the preceding year". Local support is defined in 160-6-2-.01(1) as "funding provided to library system boards of trustees by local governmental agencies with taxing authority." In the State of Georgia, local governmental agencies with taxing authority include counties, municipalities, and boards of education.

Failure to comply would result in the loss of eligibility for both state and federal assistance for public libraries in the Athens Regional Library System. The library system would not be eligible for the formula driven programs of stateaid to public libraries, including eight (8) state-paid positions for the library system; the materials grant; and the system services grant. The total of these grants for Athens Regional Library in FY06 is approximately \$920,042.67.

In addition, you would lose several benefits that are paid by the State of Georgia on behalf of Athens Regional Library System. These other benefits would include participation in Georgia Library PINES, GALILEO, and the telecommunication lines (T-1 lines to each facility) for Internet service and other state sponsored activities such as the computer replacement programs. For FY06, the value of the T-1 telecommunication lines to libraries in Athens Regional Library System will be approximately \$75,000 annually. Currently, the state spends approximately \$1.5 million annually for the GALILEO databases; these databases will not be available to libraries that are not qualified for state aid. The cost of replacing your current PINES system for Athens Regional Library System is estimated to be at least \$522,000.00. All of these expenses would need to be funded with local dollars if these services were not provided by the State of Georgia

Also, the library system would not be eligible for federal grants from this agency. This would include Vacation Reading Program grants and materials that are made available free to all public libraries in the state, as well as the LSTA competitive grants in technology, special needs, resource sharing, and other areas. In FY06, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is providing grant funds to upgrade or replace computers in Georgia public libraries; only library systems that are eligible for state aid will be eligible for these grants.

If you need any further clarification concerning MOE, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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Deputy Director

Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian Susan Roberts

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9:00-9:30 Registration & Refreshments

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Mail your payment to: GLA Administrative Services

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Circulation Statistics FY2006 Athens-Clarke

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	53,095	52,481	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491
August	46,296	47,218	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103
September	41,867	41,387	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997
October	43,436	43,845	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474
November	43,864	42,818	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990
December	36,543	34,062	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808
January	44,732	44,353	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	
February	44,442	44,795	43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	
March	47,647	47,750	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	
April	43,149	44,551	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	
May	39,685	43,412	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	
June	55,027	56,060	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	
TOTALS	539,783	542,732	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	
In-House U	Jse			496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	195,260

*PINES system down 18 hours

Athens -Materials Reshelved After Use

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July			1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553
August			2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	537
September	•		2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210
October			2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728
November			1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962
December			1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,475
January		1,369	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	
February		2,331	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	
March		2,521	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	
April		2,408	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	
May		1,796	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	
June		2,207	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	
TOTALS		12,632	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

	Winterville							
	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	784	961	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	1,116
August	541	773	857	909	1,026	1,103	1145	902
September	414	660	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714
October	432	681	578	738	990	990	963	921
November	376	629	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430
December	355	497	487	479	618	1,137	771	667
January	308	579	970	598	760	922	777	
February	367	507	912	818	771	743	797	
March	495	641	929	818	927	1,096	817	
April	429	370	613	676	706	807	636	
May	442	512	753	1,139	1265	973	784	
June	823	709	925	1,544	1018	1,407	1473	
TOTALS	5,766	7,519	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	
In-house Us	se				11.596	3.562	3640	1014

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	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	742	1,668	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157
August	826	1,346	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	173
September	1,206	1,206	1,449	13	1,765	286	49	173
October	1,270	921	1,547	829	2,126	2,174	323	1,616
November	1,640	1,717	832	1,487	1,530	219	217	1555
December	1,057	1,083	715	1,162	1,826	195	248	1261
January	1,704	1,276	1,119	2,256	2,243	131	135	
February	1,380	876	66	2,576	1,589	1,820	165	
March	2,042	1,074	1,747	1,335	950	1,858	331	
April	1,220	1,234	1,282	1,456	1,826	143	227	
May	942	757	935	1,075	1,558	292	293	
June	1,871	2,457	1,589	559	194	377	244	
TOTALS	15,900	15,615	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	22,802

	East Ather	ns Resource	Center		Pinewoods		
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006		FY 2005	FY 2006
July		133	978	492	July		440
August		80	454	478	August		977
September		234	34	265	September	r	341
October	33	917	1,124	518	October		303
November	9	426	218	849	November		1285
December	193	585	34	502	December		141
January	158	635	828		January		
February	227	538	41		February		
March	148	533	391		March	110	
April	129	837	413		April	603	
May	111	578	589		May	744	
June	52	777	580		June	664	
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684		TOTALS	2,121	
In-House Us	se 639	10,166	9,204	3380	In-House L	Jse	

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	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July		137	3,549	686
August		73	990	398
September		382	543	257
October	4	381	644	1058
November	49	385	538	358
December	238	423	475	746
January	167	373	497	
February	112	124	395	
March	160	177	999	
April	127	139	533	
May	118	172	1,077	
June	44	3,894	1,066	
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	
In-House U	se 999	13,988	6,396	4186

iFilms

International and Independent Film Series at the Athens-Clarke County Library

~ Free and open to the public ~

Thursday, January 5 at 7 p.m. - Raja

a film by Jacques Doillon, 112 minutes, French



Raja is a nineteen year old orphan literally and figuratively scarred by life. Fred is an emotionally bankrupt westerner living amid his plush gardens and palm trees. Set against the backdrop of contemporary Marrakech, Raja is a cross-cultural drama about a wealthy middle-aged Frenchman's complex relationship with local youth. Fred's attempts to seduce Raja, and their mutual attempt at manipulation, are fractured by their gross disparity of income, age and cultural sophistication.

Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. - Spare Parts

a film by Damjan Kozole, 84 minutes, Slovenian

Hard-drinking, chain-smoking Ludvik spends his nights smuggling illegal refugees in his van from Croatia, across Slovenia, and into Italy. The young and inexperienced Rudi is his new assistant. In a story straight from the headlines, director Kozole refuses to paint the world in black and white, as Ludvik and Rudi cope with life in a rundown town, home to the only nuclear power plant in the former Yugoslavia.



Official Selection at Cannes Film Festival 2003, Seattle, Moscow, Karlovy Vary, Warsaw, Copenhagen, Nominated for the Golden Bear Award – Berlin International Film Festival and the Golden Dolphin Award – Festival Troja Int'l Film Festival

Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. - Viva Laldjerie

a film by Nadir Mokneche, 113 minutes, French



Three women: a mother, her daughter and a prostitute have been living in a hotel in the centre of town amid creeping fundamentalism. Goucem, the daughter, has chosen a modern, emancipated life for herself by working for a photographer and spending steamy weekends in nightclubs. Fifi, her faithful friend, prostitutes herself under the thumb of a local protector. Papicha, the mother, eats pizzas in front of the television, torn between fear and nostalgia. Director Nadir Moknèche, known in Europe as the 'Algerian Almodovar,' weaves a richly drawn portrait of women exiled in their own country.

Special event screenings: Washington, D.C. International Film Festival, Lincoln Center Film Society, "Arab Film Series" Cinemayaat, Arab Film Festival Goethe Institute

Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m. - The Man of the Year

a film by Jose Henrique Fonseca, 106 minutes, Portugese

Maiquel (Murilo Benicio) has lost a bet and dyed his hair blond. This little event triggers a head-on collision with destiny in which Maiquel goes from nobody to hero to outlaw...all in 24 hours. Based on the award-winning novel "D Matador" by Patricia Melo, this vibrant and brazen crime saga follows in the vein of recent Brazilian Cinema such as Vicente Amorim's *The Middle of the World*, Walter Salles' *Central Station* and Fernando Meirelles' *City of God*.



Official Selection - Berlin International Film Festival 2003 - Panorama - "SKYY" Award at the San Francisco Film Festival - Best Movie Public Prize, Best Director, Best Actor (Murilo Benício) and Kodak Award at the Brazilian Film Festival of Miami - Winner of Sang Neuf Cognac Film Festival 2003 - Horizons Award for Special Mention, San Sebastian Film Festival



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The iFilms series is intended for mature audiences
and parents may find it unsuitable for children.



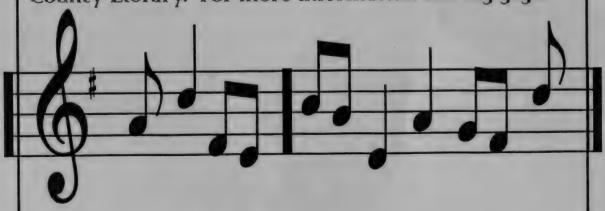
Live! at
the Library
with
The Magnolia
Quartet
on
Sunday, February



5th
at 3:00 p.m.
in the Athens-Clarke County
Library Auditorium

These talented international musicians hail from China, Korea, the Czech Republic and the United States. They have performed at the Georgia Museum of Art, the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and other Atlanta venues.

This program is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. For more information call 613-3650.



The Athens-Clarke County Library

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a genealogy lock-in
Friday, February 10 12 noon - 12 midnight

Remember all those times you found something just as the repository was about to close and you had to go home? Ever dream of spending the night in a genealogical collection? Now's your chance! When the Library closes at 6 p.m. on February 10, you and fellow genealogy researchers will have the upper floor of the Library all to yourselves. There will be food and beverages and a security guard to walk you to your car if you leave before midnight. The charge is \$15 per person to cover the cost of security and food. You may want to bring a sweater or light jacket because the Heritage Room is known to be chilly! Not for beginners!

The Heritage Room offers...

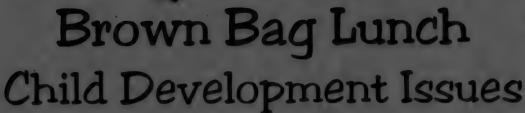
over 7000 books, 2000 rolls of microfilm, 1000 microfiche, 200 compact discs, online access to Ancestry Plus database (which includes immigration indexes & 1790 - 1930 censuses), strong Georgia collection, Civil War collection, African American history, print indexes, county histories, Athens newspapers on microfilm since 1808, Clarke County, Georgia court records including deeds, mortgage and probate records, and MUCH MORE! There will also be 20 computers with Internet access and copy machines available for your use, plus staff and volunteers on hand to assist you.

Call 613-3650, ext. 350 for more information.

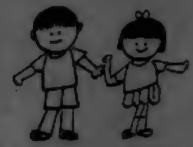
Number of participant; limited, so check and registration form must be received by Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m.

Sponsored by Clarke Oconee Genealogical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room.





Tuesday, January 31 12:15 p.m. at the Athens-Clarke County Library



Participants will discuss the timeline for normal developmental milestones. Issues addressed will include answers to common questions about children's physical, psychological and social development. Presented by members of the University of Georgia's Child Clinical Program.

This program is free and open to the public. Feel free to bring a lunch to this 45-minute program.

















What a Victorian Tombstone Reveals Beyond the Inscription

Sunday, January 15
3:00 p.m.
in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium

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Charlotte Thomas Marshall will present a slide show on cemetery markers and their symbolism. Marshall will discuss the natural Mandscape cemetery movement with particular emphasis on our own Oconce Hill Cemetery. Sponsored by the Athens Historical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library's Heritage Room.





Sharing Genealogy with Your Family

with Valerie Frey,

Education and Volunteer Coordinator of the Georgia Archives



Saturday, January 21 at 3:00 p.m. Athens-Clarke County Library

Learn about the variety of ways you can compile and organize the results of your research to share with others ~



Sponsored by the Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room. Free and open to the public.

Are you hooked on reading? Do you enjoy sharing ideas?



The Athens-Clarke
County Library
hosts 3 monthly book
discussion groups to enrich
your reading pleasure.

Talking About Books

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Recent titles include The Life of Pi, The Tipping Point, and The Birth of Venus.

African-American Book Group

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Recent titles include Married But Still Looking, P.G. County, and The Million Dollar Divorce.

Last Monday Book Group

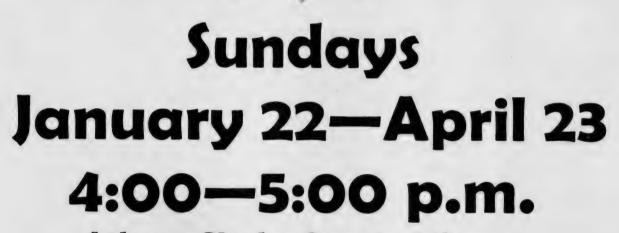
Meets the last Monday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Recent titles include All the King's Men, Mr. Sammler's Planet, and The Blind Assassin.

All groups meet in the Small Conference Room. Call (706) 613-3650 ext. 356 for more information.

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." ~Francis Bacon



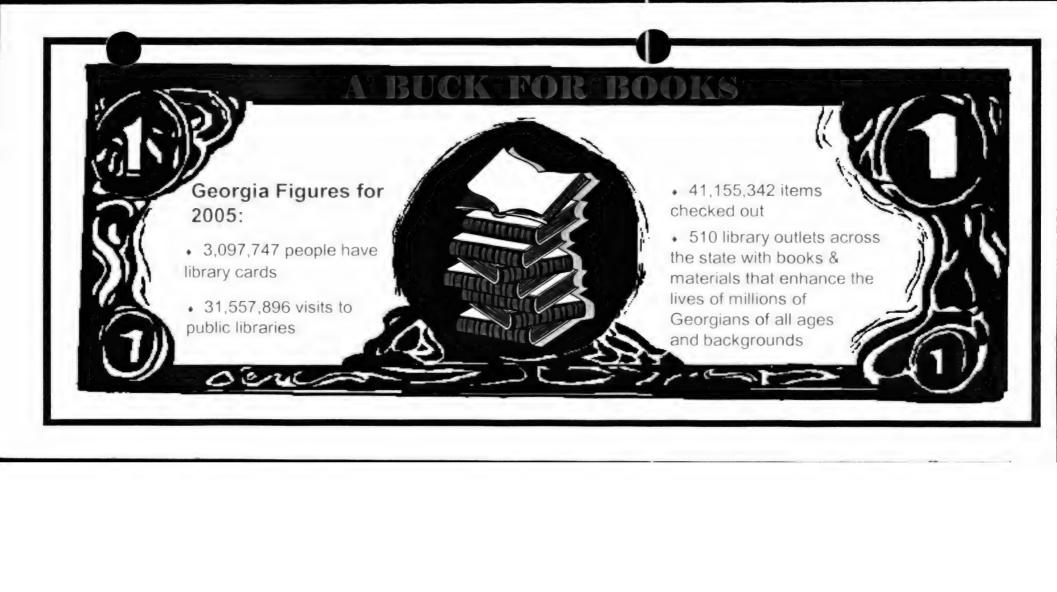
Survival Spanish Class



Athens-Clarke County Library
Instructor: Graduate Student, UGA Romance Languages
Program Supervisor: Dr. Teresa Perez-Gamboa

Participate in this 12-week course using simple conversation and vocabulary to learn basic Spanish. Instruction will be helpful for travel, business, and everyday situations. Class is limited to 40 participants (ages 18 and up) and requires pre-registration. Call 613-3650, ext 338 to register. As always, library programs are free to the public.





Minutes Athens Regional Library Board January 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem, Howard Shapiro, at 3:33. Mrs. Ames explained that Mr. Moak had resigned his position as Chair and Mr. Prokasy as Vice-Chair had stepped into the position. Mr. Prokasy asked that Mr. Shapiro, as highest ranking officer present, get the meeting started until he arrived. Present were Ms. Gothard and Mr. Mathis from Franklin County; Ms. Coutant, Mr. Ingram and Mrs. Murray from Madison County; Mr. Jones, and Mr. Shapiro from Oglethorpe County; Ms. Stratton, and Mr. Zimmerman from Oconee County; Ms. Dunn, Ms. Lane, Mr. Prokasy (late) and Mr. Timmons represented Athens-Clarke County. Mr. Andrews was excused. Ms. Luke and Ms. Parten were absent. Staff present were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Markov, Mr. Hayek, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of October 20, 2005 board meeting were unanimously approved as mailed on a motion and second from Mr. Timmons and Mr. Jones.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Mr. Ingram and Mr. Timmons. There were no members of the public present.

The second quarter FY 06 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. In all counties and in the regional revenues and expenditures, the figures are close to 50% of the budgeted amount as they should be. Money has been received from Franklin and Oconee Counties since the draft was emailed. The attached is current information. Mr. Shapiro asked how the bookmobile will be financed for the rest of the year since the budgeted amount is gone. Mrs. Ames said there is some money that could be used in other parts of the budget, but every penny will have to be squeezed.

Staff Report

A staff report was given by Claudia Markov and Pete Hayek, co-managers of the Special Needs Center. They reported that this year the focus will be on outreach in the 21 counties they serve. To that end, a new outreach specialist, Amber Wilkerson, has just been hired. There will be an Open House on March 3 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

A staff report on the bookmobile was given by Kaye Haynes and Dorothy Daniel. The present vehicle has 130,000 miles on it. Mrs. Haynes outlined all the repairs needed to bring the bookmobile to good operating capacity. They explained that the focus has shifted from central stops to homebound and that they now go out only twice a week and work a 6 week schedule instead of a 4 week schedule. There is a \$15,000 CD to go toward vehicle replacement. A new bookmobile would cost \$100,000. A board committee will be appointed when the need arises.

Regional Reports

Athens-Clarke County: Mrs. Lane reported they met January 10. There are three new board members. The Endowment board is at work on a dinner honoring the Bentleys(former co-chairs) and as a fundraiser. The Friends purchased a CD cleaner which the public will also be able to use. The annual book sale is March 2-5. Friends also have a grant from a puppetry group in the works.

Oglethorpe County: Mr. Shapiro stated that 1/3 of the hours the library is open there is only one person there. They are falling behind in cataloging books. There is no chance of getting more funding from the Board of Commissioners. The Friends had a book sale in November and raised \$600. The Friends are next sponsoring an Antique and Junk Road Show and will charge admission to raise money.

Franklin County: Mr. Mathis said that a brochure like the one produced in Oconee last year had been developed for Franklin County and the Friends paid to have it printed. In Lavonia, there is a new \$3000 CD collection honoring former Governor Vandiver. SPLOST will receive \$45,000. An architect is looking at the buildings in both cities. The City of Lavonia owns the lot next to the library building now and plans to begin making improvements on it. There is a new board member, Vivian Young.

For each Cibrary - \$90,000

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Oconee County: Mrs. Stratton reported that they had not yet held their local board meeting but she gave last quarter statistics from the branch manager. Friends had a Family Fun Day event in October with over 400 participants and 55 volunteers. She also reported that adult programming should increase because of the two new YA specialists.

Madison County: Mrs. Murray said they are in turmoil again. The Library budget has been approved. There were no cuts, nor were there any new funds. With Mr. Moak's resignation, the board is in search of new board members. Mrs. Murray said she had agreed to serve as interim chair. Ms. Fern Coutant is the new member of this board. There is one new local board member so far, Otelyer Byrd. The Board of Commissioners is still trying to get an increase from insurance for repairs. The building is still not repaired. They can't use the grant money until the BOC money is received and the grant runs out in July. They are at a standstill. A Grassroots Arts grant has been applied for as well as a We The People Bookshelf grant. Mr. Ingram mentioned his idea of using the bricks damaged from the storm as a fundraiser so the building could be enlarged at the same time it is repaired. They will have to wait and see if that is allowed.

Director's Report

Mrs. Ames' Director's Report was mailed with the minutes. She did mention that each branch will soon begin receiving new books directly from the vendors. The invoices will continue to come here. She also mentioned that in Gov. Purdue's proposed budget there is a 2 ½% increase slated for the employer's share of Georgia Health Insurance which will take effect July 1. That will affect ALL county budgets in a direct and drastic fashion. In her written report, she pointed out that Georgia Public Library Service(GPLS) did adopt the new standards for libraries. This requires that 12% of the budget be spent on materials. She hopes there will be some incentive grants to help.

Old Business.

none

New Business.

- 1. The attached letter is in response to the earlier letter you received from Mr. Hartley saying that Boards of Education shouldn't fund libraries. GPLS has hired an attorney to challenge this. This letter is about Maintenance of Effort not decreasing.
 - 2. Committee Assignments reflect the addition of new board members.
- 3. A nominating committee comprised of John Timmons, Chair; Greg Jones and Phyllis Luke was appointed to find a new Vice-Chairman.
- 4. Personnel Policy Amendment: additional wording was unanimously added to the section "Layoff" on a motion and second from Mrs. Lane and Mr. Shapiro.

Other Business

A \$350,000 grant to repair the Madison County Library was unanimously accepted on a motion and second from Mrs. Murray and Mr. Shapiro contingent on the matching funds being available from Madison County Commission.

Following announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 on a motion and second from Ms. Lane and Mr. Timmons.

Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY AGENDA January 19, 2006

Call to order.

Review and approve minutes of October 20, 2005

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report: TBC Co-Managers, Claudia Markov and Pete Hayek Bookmobile report: Kaye Haynes and Dorothy Daniel

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

New Business.

Letter on Board of Education Funding Committee Assignments Nominating Committee: Nominate Vice-Chairman Personnel Policy Addition: Layoffs

Other Business.

Grant for Madison County Restoration

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Legislative Day - January 24, 2006

Future Board Meetings this year:
April 20, 2006
July 20, 2006 - at Oglethorpe County Library
October 19, 2006

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
Revenue:	Amount	Received	Balance	Received
Regional:	•			
Outreach	101,540.00	50,770.00	50,770.00	50.00%
Interest	4,000.00	578.96	3,421.04	14.47%
Personnel	628,543.00	314,271.50	314,271.50	50.00%
Materials	72,285.00	36,142.50	36,142.50	50.00%
M&O/System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	38,874.00	38,874.00	50.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	70,944.50	70,944.50	50.00%
Totals	1,026,005.00	511,581.46	514,423.54	49.86%
Athens-Clarke County:				
Board of Commissioners	1,440,428.00	720,214.00	720,214.00	50.00%
City of Winterville	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	88,075.00	46,298.85	41,776.15	52.57%
Interest	6,000.00	345.67	5,654.33	5.76%
Totals	1,546,503.00	766,858.52	779,644.48	49.59%
Franklin County:				
Board of Commissioners	24,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	50.00%
Board of Education	24,000.00	24,000.00	-	100.00%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon	· -	· .		
Carnesville & Franklin Springs	30,351.00	8,396.00	21,955.00	27.66%
Transfer from Reserve	5,441.00		5,441.00	
Fines and Fees	5,000.00	3,043.95	1,956.05	60.88%
Totals	88,792.00	47,439.95	41,352.05	53.43%
Madison County:				
Board of Commissioners	154,929.00	77,464.50	77,464.50	50.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	11,000.00	6,251.95	4,748.05	56.84%
Totals	165,929.00	83,716.45	82,212.55	
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Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

Revenue:	Budget Amount	Amount Received	Balance	% of Budget Received
Oconee County:				
Board of Commissioners	287,083.00	143,541.50	143,541.50	50.00%
Board of Education	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Watkinsville	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	0.00%
City of Bogart	6,000.00		6,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	12,384.24	13,115.76	48.57%
Carry over from FY05	2,636.00	-	2,636.00	0.00%
Totals	359,219.00	185,925.74	173,293.26	<u>51.76</u> %
Oglethorpe County:				
Board of Commissioners	46,500.00	23,250.00	23,250.00	50.00%
Board of Education	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	50.00%
City of Maxeys	200.00		200.00	0.00%
City of Crawford	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	-	100.00	0.00%
Ctiy of Lexington	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	8,500.00	3,543.27	4,956.73	41.69%
Meeting Room	300.00	125.00	175.00	41.67%
· Pines Postage Reimbursement *	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
Transfer from Reserve	4,754.00	_	4,754.00	0.00%
Totals	76,554.00	34,418.27	42,135.73	44.96%
GRAND TOTALS	3,263,002.00	1,629,940.39	1,633,061.61	49.95%
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Athens Regional Library FY2006 July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

Expenditures:	Budget <u>Amount</u>	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
Regional:				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,684.00	3,378.47	5,305.53	38.90%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	5,910.00	6,336.20	(426.20)	107.21%
Solinet Fees	900.00	37.17	862.83	4.13%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	606.89	3,393.11	15.17%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	1,466.89	33.11	97.79%
Debt Collection Service	16,000.00	5,983.40	10,016.60	37.40%
Workers Compensation	12,114.00	(554.00)	12,668.00	-4.57%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	-	352.00	(352.00)	
Mobile Telephone (Bookmobile)	300.00	-	300.00	0.00%
Postage	7,000.00	4,100.99	2,899.01	58.59%
Travel	4,500.00	290.60	4,209.40	6.46%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	784.20	1,215.80	39.21%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	1,030.00	970.00	51.50%
Computer Maintenance	2,575.00	_	2,575.00	0.00%
Insurance	16,057.00	-	16,057.00	0.00%
Supplies	22,000.00	18,101.68	3,898.32	82.28%
Personnel	628,543.00	314,271.50	314,271.50	50.00%
Materials	72,285.00	32,744.49	39,540.51	45.30%
M&O/System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	40,785.52	36,962.48	52.46%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	59,757.84	82,131.16	42.12%
Totals	1,026,005.00	489,473.84	536,531.16	<u>47.71</u> %
Athens-Clarke County:				
Outreach	44,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	50.00%
Personnel	1,302,932.00	631,413.76	671,518.24	48.46%
Operating Expenses	199,571.00	93,105.24	106,465.76	46.65%
Totals	1,546,503.00	746,519.00	799,984.00	48.27%

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

Expenditures:	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
Franklin County:				
Outreach	14,640.00	7,320.00	7,320.00	50.00%
Personnel	66,449.00	32,835.12	33,613.88	49.41%
Operating Expenses	7,703.00	2,267.67	5,435.33	29.44%
Totals	88,792.00	42,422.79	46,369.21	47.78%
Madison County:				
Outreach	14,900.00	7,450.00	7,450.00	50.00%
Personnel	118,580.00	59,361.70	59,218.30	50.06%
Operating Expenses	32,449.00	14,730.42	17,718.58	45.40%
Totals	165,929.00	81,542.12	84,386.88	49.14%
Oconee County:				
Outreach	19,000.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	50.00%
Personnel	321,799.00	151,552.26	170,246.74	47.10%
Operating Expenses	18,420.00	8,278.04	10,141.96	44.94%
_ Totals	359,219.00	169,330.30	189,888.70	47.14%
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Oglethorpe County:				
Outreach	9,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	50.00%
Personnel	58,854.00	27,358.86	31,495.14	46.49%
Operating Expenses	8,700.00	3,946.24	4,753.76	45.36%
Totals	76,554.00	35,805.10	40,748.90	46.77%
GRAND TOTALS	3,263,002.00	1,565,093.15	1,697,908.85	<u>47.96</u> %

DIRECTOR'S REPORT January 19, 2006

Fair Credit Reporting Act. Because all people have free access to one credit report annually, I want to call your attention to a possible situation. When people discover an adverse report about their records, they often ask their library to remove this from their report. The Library and Unique will only expunge a patron's delinquent account if the materials were on the shelf of the lending library the entire time. We are not allowed to expunge a patron's account as a condition of payment. This would be considered "credit bartering" which is illegal. Nor are we allowed to expunge a record if a patron moves without a forwarding address—it is the patron's responsibility to keep the address current.

"Removing valid accounts violates not only the contract with Unique and their agreements with credit bureaus but also the Fair Credit Reporting Act as well. The act of deleting credit information from a consumer's credit report violates the requirement to provide complete and accurate information about a patron's credit report."

I wanted you to be aware that only a very few accounts are turned over for credit reports, but those that are become upset! Approximately 1.46 percent of our users fall into the long overdue account status—these people have received 3 overdue notices plus a letter before they are turned over to collections. These notices are not turned over to Unique until books are more than 45 days overdue and do not get reported to the credit agencies for another 120 days.

This has been a very busy quarter with several special events, meetings, and change. In Athens, we've been hard at work planning for the completion of the Building Program. We have also been planning for improvements in Franklin County's two libraries using SPLOST funds. An interior designer has met with the two managers in Royston and Lavonia and will soon be presenting some conceptual drawings for each library. We are also hoping to move ahead with the restoration project in Madison County in the very near future.

The Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival was held on Saturday, Jan. 7 with over 330 people in attendance throughout the day. What a wonderful event and opportunity to hear outstanding storytellers. The day began with a free session at the Library and included afternoon and evening sessions held at the Seney- Stovall Chapel. The final tally of funds has not yet been completed, but the organizers anticipate a nice profit. Storytellers included Bill Lepp, Betty Ann Wylie, Tersi Agra Bendiberg, and Dorothy Holt. The program is sponsored by the Athens-Clarke County Endowment, Heyward Allen, JJ Reneaux Festival Tellers Grant, Todd Emily, Holiday Inn, and Foodworks.

Our "Give a Gift to the Library 2005" campaign netted several new items for the library. Reference received 5 new books; computer operations received a memory card reader and CD-RW disks; Audio Visual received several sets of Putumayo World Music; the Children's area received a wooden doll house, furnishings, and families, 13 children's books, and puppets; the Young Adult area received several series of paperback books, all much appreciated! The value of these donations was \$1000. In Oglethorpe County, the Giving Tree also received several hundred dollars and books in donations.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will once again be providing new computers. The Library System has until the end of 2007 to use the funds for the purchase of public use equipment and we expect that we'll wait a bit to purchase them since we just installed 140 new units around the region. We will want to obtain the latest version of new operating systems [rumored to be coming soon] and Microsoft Office.

PINES Update. Evergreen is coming! The Athens system will be a beta test site for this new improved software. Currently, 252 libraries in 123 counties participate and 6 additional counties will be added in the Fall. PINES is a borderless library which provides equal access to library materials and information for member libraries. Over 7.8 million books can be delivered to the borrower's home library at no charge to the user. The new Evergreen system offers more customization and ease of use. We anticipate testing to begin in May. The full roll-out is scheduled for September 2006 and should be very exciting!

The Gates Foundation is also providing a competitive grant to reach out to the Spanish speaking people in Georgia. Five libraries were selected to participate [Athens, Hall, Gwinnett, Ohoopee Regional in Vidalia, and South Georgia in Valdosta]. Miguel Vicente of our Athens Pinewoods location is currently in Seattle for the 4-day conference. He plans to visit the Portland Board of Education on Friday to see how the BOE has integrated Plaza Comunitaria into the school curriculum as well as how they provide outreach to the city. The Gates trainer, Yolanda Cuesta is an expert in the field and will be sharing some unique ideas with the group. Miguel's life experience is sure to complement this training.

Personnel Issues: One Circulation Supervisor has left to return to Gainesville College full-time and the Talking Book Center Manager left to take a higher paid position in the community. We have promoted Claudia Markov and Pete Hayek to be comanagers of the Center and hired Amber Wilkerson to be their assistant. Kaye Haynes who was working in both circulation and on the bookmobile is now a Circulation Supervisor. She will continue to work one day a week on the bookmobile. We've had significant turn-over in the student ranks. This is not unexpected.

There has been much discussion about the Patriot Act in libraries. A letter from the FBI or a court order or subpoena would require the library director to turn over the specified records. Under the Patriot Act, a librarian would be expected to turn over the data without discussion and could not tell anyone that the request had been received. The major concern in Georgia is the ownership of PINES records. After this discussion, it was agreed that the local system director should comply with the request for information. However, ultimately, it is the state library that possesses complete information. It was my understanding that the PINES network maintains a complete record of every transaction since 1999. At the system level, we have access only to the current user and one previous user.

The Director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System is currently under federal indictment for 5 counts of felony theft. As expected, this has triggered stronger audit

requirements. Mamie Simonds will be attending 3 workshops sponsored by the Carl Vinson Institute designed for library business managers. One of the requirements is that all funds for all libraries in a system must flow through the regional system and be budgeted and fully documented. We believe we are in compliance with this. In particular, we are looking to be sure employee use of library credit cards is checked carefully and this seems not to be an issue. In our regular staff meetings, we will again stress the need for a complete paper trail for all transactions. Please understand that no library funds may be used in any way for food purchases. If a library offers food as an incentive or for a special event, no library funds are allowed; this is an excellent opportunity for the Friends to contribute.

Legislative Day is January 24. If you cannot attend, please write or call our legislative delegation. It is important to support the Buck for Books program. I don't anticipate that we'll get all of it, but it's important for libraries to have adequate funding to purchase new materials. Even at the 60 cents per capita level in 2001, we didn't have enough; today at 35 cents per capita, we are struggling. Most libraries in the system are reflecting a decline in circulation because of the decreases in the availability of new books. Interestingly, as circulation decreases, our libraries have been busier and busier with people using our computers.

Building on Staff Development Day, a team of library employees has been hard at work planning exhibits and reading programs for the year. The group has planned a year of reading topics [this began in December with holiday titles] and will kick off with a display in every library this month focusing on African American literature. Each library will receive books to support the reading lists developed by the Athens reference staff, display materials, and other promotional ideas. The March-April topic is Inspirational Fiction which is a hot topic for many of our readers. Following that will be fiction for men, world authors, and mysteries. We found that this highlights less used parts of the collection and encourages reading of different types of books.

Public Library Directors adopted the Georgia Public Library Standards which we distributed at our last meeting. The Athens Regional System falls short on the following requirements:

- The library has a written personnel classification plan [yes] with salary ranges for each position [no] and written job descriptions [yes]
- Library service is offered at a geographic location requiring no more than 15 minutes travel time [one way] in densely populated urban areas and 30 minutes [one way] elsewhere.
- The library receives financial support from its funding authority[ies] sufficient to achieve essential level of service in accordance with its plan and the standards in this document.
- The library spends a minimum of twelve percent of its total annual budget on materials.

Thanks again for all you do to support the library!



SPECIAL NEEDS LIBRARY of Northeast Georgia

2025 Baxter Street, Athens, Georgia 30606-6331 (706) 613-3655 (800) 531-2063

specialneedslibrary@athenslibrary.org

Co-Managers: Pete Hayek and Claudia Markov

Outreach Specialist/Library Assistant: Amber Wilkerson

Our goals for 2006....Outreach, outreach and more outreach!!

Patrons served: approximately 1400

> Institutions served: 167

> Counties covered: 21

Regular volunteers: approximately 20

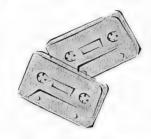
➤ Volunteer hours per month: approximately 100

➤ Walk-in visitors per month: approximately 200

Reference telephone calls per month: approximately 200-300

➤ In-house collection is comprised of approximately 32,000 titles

Roughly 4,500 are circulated each month



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Dear New Patron of the Special Needs Library,

Welcome! We have received and processed your application, and you are now registered to receive our materials and services. Please keep this letter as a reference for any questions you might have about our services.

As a recipient of the talking book services, you will receive the following materials:

- · a cassette machine
- cassette books in green plastic mailing containers
- · catalogs of available cassette books
- listing of available cassette magazines

<u>Cassette Player</u>: When you receive your player, please review the instruction tape placed in the player for operating instructions. This is no ordinary player, and the instructions will guide you through the special functions. The player can run on its battery for up to six hours before needing to recharge by being plugged in for about 12 hours.

<u>Player Repair</u>: Please keep the cardboard mailing box used to mail your cassette player. If you have any problems with the machine, you can return it to us in the box with a note describing the problem, and we will send you a replacement machine.

Books & Magazines: Cassette books and magazines are mailed in green plastic containers. If you wish to select books for yourself, please review the catalogs and call or mail in your requests. We will keep them in your computer file. If you wish for us to select books for you, the books will be selected automatically based on your subjects of interest. Feel free to let us know what you enjoy and don't enjoy to help us select appropriate materials. Magazines are received as often as the subscription allows and should be returned for the next issue.

Loan Period: The loan period for books is 30 days, and the original mailing date is usually found on the address card. When you have finished a book, please turn the address card over and mail the book back postage free. Overdue notices are sent if a book has not been returned for three months or longer, but there are no overdue fines connected with the service.

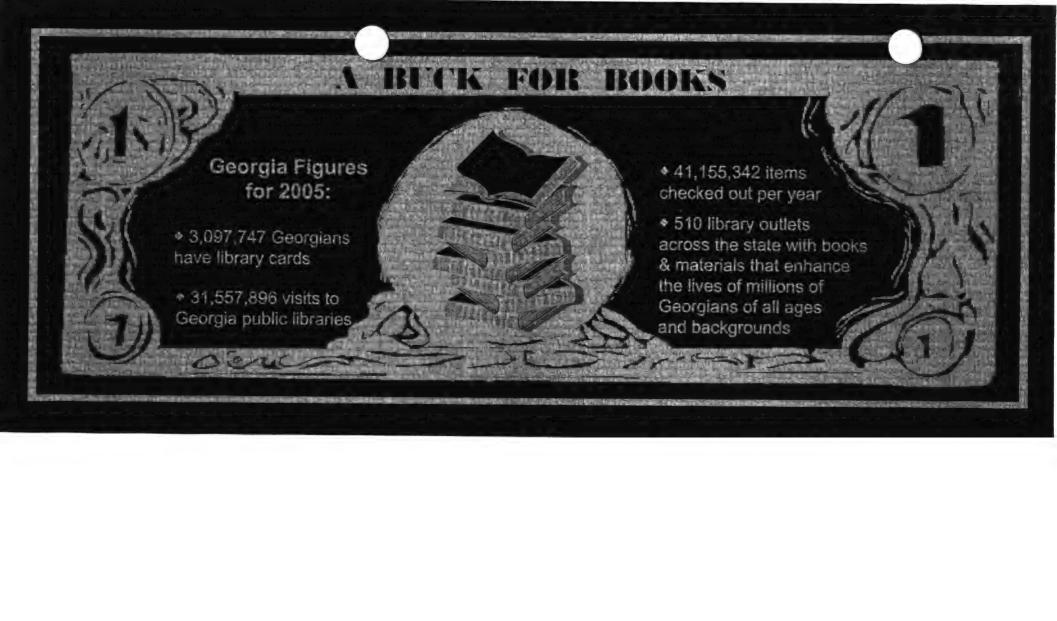
Cassette Book Repair: If you find a cassette that is not working properly, please wrap a rubber band around the particular cassette and return it with the others in the green plastic mailing container. If you wish to receive that book again, please place a note in the container or give us a call.

<u>Turnaround Service</u>: As we receive your returned books, new ones will be sent to you automatically unless you have requested otherwise. We recommend sending a few back at a time so that you always have books on hand while you are waiting for the turnaround. It could take as long as two weeks between the time you return a book and we send you a new one.

<u>Catalogs</u>: You should receive a "Talking Book Topics" catalog every two months with a listing of recently recorded books. These catalogs are available in large print, cassette and computer diskette formats. These small catalogs are compiled annually into a "Cassette Books" catalog. If you are interested in a specific type of book and are unable to locate it in the catalogs, you may wish to call the Talking Book Center for help in selecting the desired books. You may also wish to search the national catalog at the website www.loc.gov/nls.

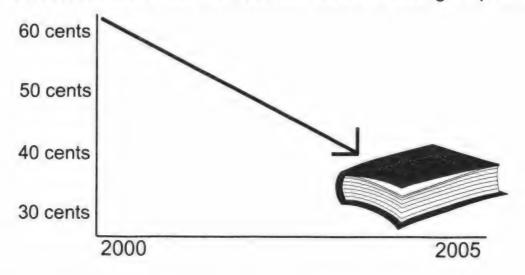
We hope you will enjoy this service for many years and books to come, but if at anytime you wish to discontinue this service, you must return all books and players to us. If you move, please notify us of your new address. If you move out of our service area, we can transfer your records to the library in your area.

There are no fees connected with any part of this free public library service. Please call or write to us to request materials or to ask questions. Our office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 6:00. Feel free to call us at (706) 613-3655 or (800) 531-2063. We also receive book requests or questions by email to specialneedslibrary@athenslibrary.org.



A BUCK FOR BOOKS!*

During the past five years, Georgia's Public Libraries have suffered sharp declines in the State book budget. In 2001, the budget was 60 cents per capita. Since then, it has fallen to 35 cents. Please support \$1 per capita to strengthen our libraries. An additional \$5,600,000 would add 250,000 new books to Georgia's public libraries.



Printing provided by Georgia

Council of Public Libraries.

*Books include magazines, DVDs, books on tape and all the other cool stuff that Georgians expect at their library!



GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

January 4, 2006

Kathryn S. Ames, Director Athens Regional Library System 2025 Baxter St. Athens, Georgia 30606

Dear Ms. Ames:

This letter will serve as a confirmation of our recent communication concerning the maintenance of effort requirement (MOE) for state aid to public library systems. There are a number of requirements that a public library system must meet in order to qualify for state aid to public libraries, including MOE. A library system that is non-compliant with any of these requirements would become ineligible to receive state aid.

Specifically, Board of Regents policy 160-6-2-.01(2)(f) I reads, "Local support for the current year shall be equal to or more than the preceding year". Local support is defined in 160-6-2-.01(1) as "funding provided to library system boards of trustees by local governmental agencies with taxing authority." In the State of Georgia, local governmental agencies with taxing authority include counties, municipalities, and boards of education.

Failure to comply would result in the loss of eligibility for both state and federal assistance for public libraries in the Athens Regional Library System. The library system would not be eligible for the formula driven programs of state-aid to public libraries, including eight (8) state-paid positions for the library system; the materials grant; and the system services grant. The total of these grants for Athens Regional Library in FY06 is approximately \$920,042.67.

In addition, you would lose several benefits that are paid by the State of Georgia on behalf of Athens Regional Library System. These other benefits would include participation in Georgia Library PINES, GALILEO, and the telecommunication lines (T-1 lines to each facility) for Internet service and other state sponsored activities such as the computer replacement programs. For FY06, the value of the T-1 telecommunication lines to libraries in Athens Regional Library System will be approximately \$75,000 annually. Currently, the state spends approximately \$1.5 million annually for the GALILEO databases; these databases will not be available to libraries that are not qualified for state aid. The cost of replacing your current PINES system for Athens Regional Library System is estimated to be at least \$522,000.00. All of these expenses would need to be funded with local dollars if these services were not provided by the State of Georgia

Also, the library system would not be eligible for federal grants from this agency. This would include Vacation Reading Program grants and materials that are made available free to all public libraries in the state, as well as the LSTA competitive grants in technology, special needs, resource sharing, and other areas. In FY06, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is providing grant funds to upgrade or replace computers in Georgia public libraries; only library systems that are eligible for state aid will be eligible for these grants.

If you need any further clarification concerning MOE, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

cc:

David W Singleto

Deputy Director

Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian

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ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEES 2006

Executive Committee (Officers plus 1 at-large representative)

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Chairman and Director are Ex-officio members of all committees and should be notified of all meetings. All meetings shall conform to Open Meetings requirements.

Resignation is a personal decision, submitted in writing, to leave the employment of the library for reasons determined by the individual resigning. Employees who resign for any reason should give their supervisors at least two weeks notice. A shorter period may be agreed upon by the supervisor, employee, and director. The Business Manager will provide information about continuing health insurance coverage and withdrawing retirement contributions.

Compulsory Resignation:

If any employee is absent for three consecutive days without notifying the appropriate supervisor, the library will assume voluntary resignation, barring extenuating circumstances.

Retirement:

The retirement of an employee shall consist of the voluntary separation of an employee who has met the requirements under the Teachers Retirement System.

Applications for retirement benefits should be completed and mailed to the Teacher's Retirement System at least 90 days prior to retirement date. The Business Manager has the appropriate paperwork.

Layoff:

In the event of <u>State or County requirements</u>, financial hardship, absence of sufficient work, or a change in the library's organizational structure, the Board may take action to reduce personnel costs. If circumstances require that the library staff be reduced in number, affected employees will be given as much notice as possible before this occurs. Action prior to layoff are reduction of hours, reduction of salary, and/or reduction by attrition. Criteria for layoff will be: 1) performance; 2) essential nature of position; 3) seniority.

<u>Dismissals:</u>

Dismissals shall constitute discharges or separations and shall be governed by the provisions set forth in these policies.

Disability:

The library director, at the library system's expense, may require an employee of the library system to be examined by a physician or other appropriate medical professional designated by the library director to determine medical disability of that employee. A written report to the library director will be provided by the medical professional stating their findings. When a disability is discovered that impairs the effectiveness of the employee to perform his or her job or makes the continuation of

Memo

To: ALL STAFF MEMBERS

From: Kathryn Ames, Director

Date: January 17, 2006

CC: Athens Regional Library Board of Trustees

Re: FBI, NSA, GBI or Local Law Enforcement Officials Request to Access Computer, Patron

or Item Circulation Records and/or Patriot Act Issues

Georgia State Law prevents us from sharing any information about a library patron or staff member with a third party. The Law also prevents us from sharing information regarding all the people who have checked out an item from the library or used a computer terminal in the library. However, there are times in which an FBI, National Security Agency or GBI agent and local law enforcement officials may legally obtain that information. It is my responsibility to determine if an agent or officer has proper identification and paperwork that allows them to have access to this type of information.

If you are ever approached by an agent of the FBI, NSA, GBI, or any local law enforcement person requesting the records of a patron, employee or item that has been checked out of the library, please take the following steps of action and immediately follow the procedure as outlined below. These steps take priority over any other service, transaction or responsibility that you may be working on at the time.

- 1. If an agent or officer asks you for the person in charge of the Library or asks you how to obtain patron or item information for their agency, immediately tell them that you are not in a position to give out this information but you will be happy to take them to the director.
- 2. DO NOT, under any circumstances, read any document that they may show you other than an official ID or badge. The Library System Director is responsible for reading any documentation and complying with any official, legal request.
- 3. If the agent or officer begins to tell you the specific information they are looking to obtain, politely tell them that the Library System Director has the ability and passwords that will help them to obtain the information they are seeking.
- Immediately escort the agent or officer to the Administrative Offices or if in a branch location, direct the agent to Athens.
- 5. Once you have introduced the agent or officer, return to your work station and DO NOT discuss with any staff member or patron any detail about the information request. Protect yourself!! To tell someone of the request and who requested the information may well place you in personal liability which may lead to your imprisonment.
- 6. If the Director is not present at the time of this request, an Assistant Director will be authorized to respond.

Please see me if you have any questions regarding this memo.

ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES April 11, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Chairman, Judith DeJoy. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Childers, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Gaither, Ms. Hawks-Bradley, Ms. Heard, Ms. Kohl, Ms. Lane, Mr. Prokasy, Mr. Timmons and Ms. Williams. Mr. Mokler and Ms. Pope and were excused. Also present were staff members Ms. Fleming, Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of January 10, 2006 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion and second from Ms. Dunn and Ms. Kohl.

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Simonds presented the Financial Report for information purposes. The fiscal year is three-quarters over and revenues are at 75% in this third quarter due in part to e-rate reimbursement. The expenditure side is at 70% overall. A storm water fee has not yet been received. Passport revenues are a money making source which has not been budgeted yet. State and Federal grants are at 73%.

There was no public comment.

Alfreda Fleming presented the staff report. Ms. Fleming explained her positions as the library's Purchasing Officer, the Interlibrary loan processor, and co-leader of an African American Authors Book Club that was begun 18 months ago.

Committee reports:

Friends of the Library – Ms. Bogue reported that the annual book sale raised approximately \$21,000. The location this year was excellent. Family Fun Day is August 5 from 10-1. April 22 is the library's birthday party with cake, balloons and other special events. Two Friends members submitted a proposal for a "We Love Our Library" book and our library was one of 80 selected to be included. Ms. Kohl mentioned that the annual meeting is May 7 and all are welcome.

Public Relations - No report, though a packet of recent PR is enclosed

Building and Grounds – Pam Blake relayed the information on the Baxter Street Streetscaping project. Construction begins June 1 and may cause some inconvenience as one lane of Baxter will be closed at times. A circular plaza will be added near the corner and more trees planted there. New signage was discussed.

Finance Committee – Mrs. DeJoy reported on the budget presentation to the Commission in February. **Winterville** – Ms. Heard reported that monthly circulation has increased. The Summer Reading program is nearly all planned. Saturday attendance has been wonderful – about 20-30 patrons, the same as the weeknight. Feedback has been positive.

Director's Report

Mrs. Ames reported the "Buck for Books" campaign had been successful in the legislature with \$2 million added to the state budget for books. The library is participating in the upcoming Child Abuse Walk up and down Baxter St. First American Bank, very generous over the past three years to our summer readings reading club endeavors, wants to help us find a new means of outreach now that our Bookmobile is no longer roadworthy. Mrs. Ames also listed some items on her Wish List she'd like the Friends to fund.

<u>Communications and Correspondence</u> received since the last board meeting were shared with board members.

Unfinished Business

none

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New Business

Ms. Williams presented the Finance Committee recommendations regarding FY07-08 SPLOST funds. The committee recommended spending \$65,000 now for needed equipment and materials. Mr. Bentley and Mr. Caldwell moved and seconded the accept this recommendation and it was unanimously approved. The second recommendation from the committee was to go ahead and hire an architect for the renovation as all of the plans must be completed by the end of December if we are to ask the BOR for inclusion on their priorities in 2008. Ms. Lane moved to accept this recommendation and it was unanimously approved. July 1, 2008, the library can ask for reimbursement of funds, but it was also part of the motion that this be put in writing from the SPLOST office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA April 11, 2006

Call to order.

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*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

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Other business.

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FY2006 Athens-Clarke County Library July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

	FY2006	Amount		% of Budget
Revenue:	Amount	Received	Balance	Received
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,440,428.00	1,080,321.00	360,107.00	75.00%
City of Winterville	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	50.00%
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	46,193.48	23,806.52	65.99%
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	10,972.26	4,027.74	73.15%
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	1,550.00	400.00	79.49%
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	699.76	300.24	69.98%
Winterville Copy	125.00	159.66	(34.66)	127.73%
Bellsouth Erate	-	9,867.38	(9,867.38)	
Interest	6,000.00	717.67	5,282.33	11.96%
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,156,481.21	390,021.79	74.78%

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
Expenditures:	Amount	Expended	Balance	Expended
Outreach	44,000.00	33,000.00	11,000.00	75.00%
Wages/Benefits	1,302,932.00	901,340.62	401,591.38	69.18%
Solinet	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	0.00%
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	6,500.00	-	100.00%
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	9,279.81	(1,279.81)	116.00%
Telephone	14,000.00	7,692.05	6,307.95	54.94%
Postage	6,500.00	3,420.40	3,079.60	52.62%
Travel	2,500.00	2,093.51	406.49	83.74%
Advertising	7,000.00	3,938.16	3,061.84	56.26%
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	100.00%
Supplies	29,171.00	22,506.01	6,664.99	77.15%
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	2,255.48	1,444.52	60.96%
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	1,469.14	3,530.86	29.38%
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	559.00	941.00	37.27%
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	5,808.00	3,192.00	64.53%
Electricity	85,000.00	66,688.86	18,311.14	78.46%
Gas Heat	8,000.00	9,109.62	(1,109.62)	113.87%
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	3,827.18	3,672.82	51.03%
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,084,487.84	462,015.16	70.13%

Revenue over (under) expenditures

71,993.37

	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel	628,543.00	471,407.25	157,135.75	75.00%
Materials	71,285.00	52,021.26	19,263.74	72.98%
M&O/System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	57,301.00	20,447.00	73.70%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	95,416.24	46,472.76	67.25%
	919,465.00	676,145.75	243,319.25	<u>73.54</u> %
SPLOST:				
Athens*	127,687.52	61,958.71	65,728.81	48.52%
Winterville	1,500.00	665.21	834.79	44.35%
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	596.66	903.34	39.78%
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	805.09	694.91	53.67%
TOTALS	132,187.52	64,025.67	68,161.85	48.44%
Total State Grants & SPLOST	1,051,652.52	740,171.42	311,481.10	70.38%
*Includes \$2,187.52 from FY2005 fund	ing			
Fund Equity ("Reserve")				
Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/05 Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:	272,551.00			
Vacation Liability	(130,916.51)			
One Months Operating Expense	(128,708.58)			
	12,925.91			
Other Entrepreneurial Activities				•
I	Passport Profit and	Loss Statement FY	2005	
Balance in Passport 07/01/05	15,853.15			
Revenues	,			
07/01/05 - 03/31/06	14,595.85			
Total Revenues	14,595.85			
. =	14,393.83			
Expenditures				
Verizon pagers	26.34			
Printing - Office Max	112.56			
Postage through 03/31/06	84.69			
Total Expenditures	138.90	-		
Net Profit	14,456.95			
Current Balance in Passport Fund	30,310.10			
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Chasteen was insensitive toward library employees

Athens-Clarke County Commissioner Tom Chasteen's comments regarding additional funding for the Athens-Clarke County Library in the upcoming fiscal year sounded like a throwback to the days when it was expected that women would be paid less than men (Story, "Director: Raises will keep workers/Library wants bigger slice of budget pie," March 11). Not to mention his disrespect for the people who work at the library, often as hard as teachers, providing help and care for children who are there long after the school day ends. I'll certainly not be voting for him for mayor.

Vicki Hirsch-White Winterville

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

Director: Raises will keep workers

Library wants bigger slice of budget

By Blake Aued

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The Athens-Clarke County Library is asking for big raises for employees that its director says will reduce turnover and improve customer service, but county budget constraints make the wage increases unlikely.

The library is asking for an additional \$321,000 from Athens-Clarke County next year, a 22 percent increase over this year's \$1.4 million. Most the money would go to raising the entry-level pay for non-student library workers from \$8 an hour to the county government's minimum wage of \$10.50 an hour, and other raises for veteran employees.

"Our hope is to be competitive in the marketplace," library Director Kathryn Ames said. "For many years, we've been well below the Athens-Clarke County pay scale."

By raising starting pay, Ames said she hopes to keep experienced and college-educated employees with the library longer. Twenty-three employees quit last year, many to take better-paying jobs, and training replacements is costly and inconvenient to library patrons, she said.

Librarians at the University of Georgia start at \$17,500 a year, or about \$8.50 an hour. In Gwinnett County, high school-educated library assistants make about \$10.50 an hour, while librarians with master's degrees earn about \$18.50 an hour.

Local money is the only possible source of revenue for the raises, because state funding is earmarked for the system's regional branches, and grants and donations usually are dedicated to acquiring books and other materials, not salaries, Ames said.

Independent agencies finished up their budget presentations to commissioners Tuesday, and Athens-Clarke Mayor Heidi Davison has not yet decided whether she will include the raises in her 2007 budget proposal for independent agencies like the library, county Finance Director John Culpepper said.

But the Athens-Clarke Commission has been denying similar requests from the library for years, and probably will do so again this year, Commissioner Tom Chasteen said.

Paying cashiers and clerks at the library the same wages as physical laborers like ditch-diggers doesn't make sense, Chasteen said.

"It's totally unrealistic," he said

Workers with equivalent fulltime jobs in the county government, such as administrative assistants, also earn at least the \$10.50 county minimum, howev-

About \$2.9 million is available for independent agencies next year, but the agencies have requested a total of \$3.2 million, according to a preliminary version of the budget.

Beth Deroshia: Commissioner should visit the county library

1 Story updated at 10:36 PM on Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Athens-Clarke County Commissioner Tom Chasteen's recent comments on the county library's request for salary increases - in which he suggested cashiers and clerks at the library shouldn't make as much as the county's physical laborers - were uninformed and insensitive (Story, "Director: Raises will keep workers," March 11). I actually thought it was a misprint.

Chasteen would be well advised to note that library employees encompass more than "cashiers and clerks." I would invite him to visit a public story time, or sit in on a school visit from the University of Georgia's McPhaul Center, or Athens-Clarke County Head Start, or one of the library's parent-child workshops.

Perhaps he could accompany our staff to Alps Road Elementary School to perform, or observe us speaking to early childhood education classes at UGA and Athens Technical College about working with and performing for children and their parents. The work done by library employees in this community is invaluable, and it's not too much to ask that we are paid a reasonable living wage for the quality services we provide.

Beth Deroshia

Jefferson

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Billie Baird: Library employees deserve more money

Story updated at 12:34 AM on Thursday, April 6, 2006

This is my first letter to an editor in my 94 years. It is to bring attention to the low salaries paid to the employees of the Athens-Clarke County Library.

If the county commissioners would visit the library, they would see it is always busy. A great number of programs go on all day, and most evenings. Babies, teens and adults are educated and entertained. There is computer training, book reviews are held at different times, there is a large-print book section, Sunday entertainment in the auditorium and even a large, quiet area for University of Georgia students.

For all the work they do, the employees deserve a larger budget, for they make life better for thousands of us.

Billie Baird

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Athens-Clarke County Library should not be taken for granted Forum

By Wally Eberhard | | Story updated at 10:30 PM on Thursday, February 16, 2006

I was born in a Carnegie Library, or so it seemed. Many of the 1,500 such facilities paid for by industrialist Andrew Carnegie still stand, many still in use as libraries. In Athens, the Carnegie Library is a museum at the Navy Supply Corps School. In my hometown, it's now a chamber of commerce headquarters.

In my youth, a kindly, knowledgeable librarian fed my reading habit. To her and librarians everywhere, I am forever indebted for encouragement and patience without limit.

Thus it was preordained I would become a trustee of the Athens-Clarke County Library for 10 years, a repayment for favors rendered.

The public library is a special treasure, nurtured over time by the community, public officials and the professionals who make the wheels turn. As a trustee, my eyes were opened to the complexity and expense of running a public institution with 44,000 cardholding members.

I was both pleased and depressed to see the recent Athens Banner-Herald story about the decline and possible demise of the bookmobile ("Library's bookmobile might be checking out," Dec. 1). Pleased because it put the spotlight on one problem in a vital, much-loved, heavily used community resource. Depressed because none of us have done enough to point out the mounting issues at 2025 Baxter St.

The Athens-Clarke Library has done wonders in keeping up with change and growth. In the last decade, floor space devoted to computer facilities has increased exponentially. Video, CD and audio technology resources have increased. The number of programs for children and teenagers has increased. Wireless Internet access is just ahead, I've been told.

Anyone who can establish a local address gets a ticket to a library fit for a king - or at least a duke or duchess. All free, unless you don't return your books on time.

Trustees found the library well run, the staff dedicated, the facility comfortable and well used. The staff and volunteers have pursued fundraising beyond tax revenues with a vengeance.

The library is, in short, the people's university, a place to read for pleasure, advancement, curiosity, whatever. If you don't own a computer, they've got one, connected to the Internet.

The problems?

The library is like your favorite aunt, the one you could count on to be there when you needed her, no questions asked. Unrequited love, a hug and warm place on a cold day. But, it's likely you took her for granted until the day she just wasn't there. So it is with the library.

The library is free to all, but costs more than \$2 million a year to run. The Athens-Clarke County Commission and its predecessors have budgeted significant sums - \$1.5 million annually now - but not enough to keep up with increases in payroll, heat, light, the cost of books and other expenses - you name it.

A year or so ago, the magazine shelves at the library became nearly bare, silent testament to fiscal slicing, when 162 subscriptions were canceled to balance the budget. Some have been renewed, thanks to individuals and the Friends of the Library. It is an embarrassment that a public library in a vibrant university community should have to depend on private donations for a basic library resource.

In addition, the \$9.1 million slated for a local sales tax-funded addition and renovations to the library has already been cut by \$2 million.

The Athens-Clarke County Commission cannot be accused of ignoring the library - \$1.5 million is not peanuts - but they have not listened closely to the reasoned arguments for improved library funding. The commission is made up of dedicated citizens, elected to make difficult choices. But, one wonders why many other projects are in line before the library for public dollars.

The folks under the Gold Dome in Atlanta are also remiss. Per-capita state funding for maintenance and collections has been flat or on the decline for more than a decade. State money for new library buildings is scarce.

Your library is a hardy institution, not about to crumble. But its ability to meet the needs of a dynamic community is in danger. It's time for all of us to advocate, twist arms, stand up, write letters, send e-mails or make phone calls to the mayor, commission, the governor and legislators. It's time to stop taking the library for granted.

• Eberhard is a former journalist, and a retired University of Georgia Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication professor.

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County must decide worth of the library

Story updated at 8:53 PM on Friday, March 17, 2006

I'm writing to take issue with Athens-Clarke County Commissioner Tom Chasteen's remarks regarding additional funding for the Athens-Clarke County Library in the upcoming fiscal year (Story, "Director: Raises will keep workers/ Library wants bigger slice of budget pie," March 11).

I am a 23-year library employee, and I deeply resent reading that the pay for my work here should be less than what a ditch-digger makes. I've done physical labor in my time, but I do have a college degree and feel my qualifications and job here are as important as any comparable position in the county government. The employees here are not on the county's pay scale. Chasteen's comments just rubbed that in our faces.

I believe the county needs to decide just how much the library is worth to this community. Over 70 employees now work at the library, and our budget has topped \$1 million for several years. We are a drawing card for the community. We are the second most visited facility in the county, after Georgia Square Mall. We attract great employees whom we train and then lose because of greater salaries at the University of Georgia's libraries, other businesses and the county government. We are proud of what we do even though we earn less than a physical laborer hired by the county. I believe Chasteen owes library employees an apology - though we'd prefer the raise. A living wage would make us feel we matter and that we are doing as much meaningful hard work here with our minds as a ditch-digger.

Pam Blake

Published in the Athens Banner-Herald on 031706

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Books donated to libraries



Local libraries recently were presented with copies of "Heroines of Georgia 1861-65". A Biographical Dictionary" by Tommie LaCavera. The books were given to University of Georgia Library in honor of Beth Abney, to Athens Regional Library in memory of Mildred Garrett and to Oconee County Library in honor of Vickie Bates. Front row left to right, Tommie LaCavera, Debbie Thrasher, Laura Carter, (back) Barbara McCay.

17 March 7, 2006

The Main Event

War through the eyes of a soldier

There have been many books written and many films made about the Civil War, but perhaps nothing tells the true story of the only war fought on United States soil better than the photographs that were taken.

With that in mind, the Athens-Clarke County Library will host a Civil War presentation titled "If a Photograph Could Talk: The Civil War From the Eyes of a Soldier" at 2 p.m. today.

This free program will be presented by John Cleaveland and Tommy Jackson, who will don the uniforms of a Union cavalry officer and a Confederate infantryman, respectively. Cleaveland and Jackson will describe life for soldiers during the war and will provide detailed descriptions of their uniforms and the gear soldiers carried with them.

The event is sponsored by the Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room. For more information, call (706) 613-3650, extension 350.

- Chris Starrs, correspondent

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Society sparks curiosity about family history

Genealogical research



Tommy Jackson of Farmington speaks to members of the Clarke-Oconee County Genealogical Society on Saturday afternoon at the Athens-Clarke County Library.

Melissa Golden/Special

By Merritt Melancon | juliana.melancon@onlineathens.com | Story updated at 10:46 PM on Sunday, March 19, 2006

When new faces show up at the library for a meeting of the Clarke-Oconee County Genealogical Society, they're usually expecting the group's historical presentations to quell some of the curiosity they walked in the door with. What they're not expecting, but which often is the case, is for the information taken from the presentation to spark an addictive research habit and late nights in front of computer screens.

It's not that the society is trying to create new genealogy junkies; it's just that people tend to keep coming back after they have that first taste, said Lynne Berdanier, the group's program director.

"Once you get just the slightest bit interested in this stuff, it becomes addictive," Berdanier said.

"You start by just writing down the relatives you know, and then ones your living relatives know of. But, sooner or later, you hit a hole in the chart. No one knows who was married to him or her, and you have to start to research. That leads to another name and another hole. And you just keep going further and further back, until you get to boat man."

Boat man is Berdanier's term for her first ancestor to get to North America. He is, in all probability, no one famous, but it's still important to her to know who he was and imagine how he lived, Berdanier said.

"A lot of people think that people who are looking at their genealogy are looking for someone famous," she added. "I don't think many of us are. For me, I just want to know who my ancestors were and what their lives were like."

At the group's meeting this weekend, two Civil War re-enactors, John Cleaveland and Tommy Jackson, brought their collections of equipment issued to Union and Confederate soldiers and explained what each piece would have been used for. Questions and comments sprang up from the crowd about how uncomfortable the soldiers' frameless backpacks must have been, about the shortage of creature comforts like socks and fresh food and about the privacy rights of enlisted men.

People were just curious about the way the soldiers had lived.

"It just sounded like something interesting to do on a Saturday afternoon," said Richard Kraus, who has never considered himself a Civil War buff.

"I just found it fascinating. Seeing what they were dealing with just brings it to life. And these guys really got into it," he said.

Other nonmembers in the audience came with friends from out of town who wanted to learn more about the Civil War, or what their great-great-great-grandfathers might have gone through on a daily basis. A few said they were considering joining the society.

Ten to 15 nonmembers usually attend an event the group hosts, the former membership chairman said, and at least one of those people usually will join the society after the event.

This might be a testament to the caliber of programming the society has sponsored over the past few years. but the only aim the society has in planning programming is to bring new information to Athens and Oconee County - both for its members and the public, Berdanier said.

One of their most popular programs so far was on using DNA to help narrow down the search for ancestors and creating medical genealogies. But they've also focused on slightly less high-tech strategies, like tracking a relative's migration through the cloth they used to make heirlooms such as quilts, linens or even clothing.

The society has addressed everything from the history of lynching in the South to how to refurbish old photos, and they've also held genealogical lock-ins at the Athens-Clarke County Library's Heritage Room to allow researchers to burn the midnight oil with the library's resources well after the library closed.

Berdanier added that the society does try to find topics that people researching their ancestors in any part of the nation would find useful, since many of the society's members are not researching in Athens-Clarke or Oconee counties.

But the programs also offer members and the public a window into the lives of the ordinary people who made history happen, said Laura Carter, who's never had time to trace her own genealogy, even though she oversees the Athens-Clarke Library's Heritage Room and is a member of the society.

"Genealogy is really more than filling out a family tree chart," Carter said. "You really have to understand the people involved. And to do that, you have to understand how they lived and the time and place that they lived. So this is really the study of history through the people who actually lived it."

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throw-away info that they can get while flipping channels. No longer do schoolbooks hold morsels that can sustain or change lives.

At least that's the vibe I get from the news and out of kids mouths. lowadays, "skills" refers to video ame aptitude, and "trade" is all about the sports entertainment business.

Can we, in between all of this, make men and women? Can we catch the lost and longing before they mentally drop out of high school? Can we guide the wayward college student who is only attending because it's what's expected? How do we convince the Total Request Live and American Idol babies that the real world lies in the creases of their brains and palms of their hands? Better yet, how do we convince them that the freedom and adulthood they long for requires the use of both?

· Athens resident Drék Davis is a musician and visual artist.

letters from a player's rack, earning a bonus of 50 points.

COFFEE-HOUSING - To distract opposing players with chit-chat or noise. This is considered against the rules.

BRAILING - The cheating act of feeling the surface of a tile while your hand is in the bag in order to draw a blank or other specific let-

Source: National Scrabble Association



R-E-T-A-I-N + a blank tile are a valuable combination. Anagrams, or rearranging the letters in RETAIN, can be paired with nearly every letter of the alphabet. The results are 7-letter word "bingos." Some include: traine(e); (u)rinate; (i)nertia; (g)ranite;

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There are a number of words with Q that do not require U. They are valuable for Scrabble players, who often memorize word lists for an edge. Some of those words are: gat, sug, goph, gaid.

 Among the highest-scoring and most recognizable - 7-letter words: quizzed (75), quickly (75), squeeze (75), jukebox (77), jezebel (75).

Source: Scrabble word lists found with Google.com

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South Of The Border

A taste of Mexico

During the cold days of February, what could be a better diversion than thinking about a trip to sunny Mexico? On Sunday, by visiting the Athens-Clarke County Library, you can take a trip south of the border without ever leaving town as the Friends of the Library present "The Sounds and Colors of Mexico."

Sponsored by a Grassroots Arts grant from the Georgia Council of the Arts, the event will kick off with an hour-long concert by the Pepe Lopez Mariachi Band followed by a reception catered by LaPasadita Bakery.

In addition, Evan Firestone, professor of art history at the University of Georgia, will talk about the art of Guadalajara (which is known as "the birthplace of mariachi music") and the first 20 children age 5-11 can participate in a guitar craft project with Lyndon House Arts Center instructor Katherine Bates. The program begins at 3 p.m. and is free and open to the public. For more information, call (706) 613-3650 or go to www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us.

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Police: Officer must ID himself to kids

Story updated at 11:16 PM on Thursday, March 23, 2006

A plainclothes truant officer frightened a 12-year-old girl when he questioned her without first identifying himself Tuesday morning at the Athens-Clarke County Library, 2025 Baxter St.

The officer didn't tell library employees that he was in the building or identify himself to the girl before asking questions, Athens-Clarke police said.

The incident, reported at about 10:45 a.m. by a library employee, caused police to change procedures; the truant officer must announce his presence to library workers and show his badge to children before questioning them, according to Athens-Clarke police Capt. Clarence Holeman.

A teacher was with the girl, who was working at a computer when the officer sat beside her and asked what school she attended, police said.

The girl refused to answer and wanted to know who the officer was, police said. The officer reportedly said he was working "undercover" looking for children skipping school.

The girl alerted a library employee who asked the officer who he was. He said he was checking the library for truant children and then left, police said.

As the county's only designated truant officer, paid through a federal grant, the officer can go anywhere children might skip school, from libraries to shopping malls.

The officer was not disciplined, but was instructed on proper procedures for questioning children, Holeman said.

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MARCH 13, 200

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ist when you think you know yourself an hold firm to your ideals, some-comes along and rattles it — in this it's my second-born.

nd thus, it has happened. I have slightly altered my opin ion on two of the (notentially) most controversial topics of motherhood: diapering and breast feeding.

At the arrival of this second-born's first birth-day last week, I declared that I should join the ranks of the common people and be done with the cloth diapering.

This was necessary in r to preserve my sanity and my saniess (if you can believe that is a real i). Before you harm yourself by ig from your chair, let me first say I still stand by cloth diapers, as they not at all as difficult or inconvenient as so long as you have just

your subsequent children e on the changing table. ut in a total of 3+ years with loth diapers, which I estimate to be hly 300 washings. The two years I them with Ella were really no sweat was just part of my routine. I washed ers every other day and even hung a out to dry in the warm months. But s are different now.

ike many babies, my Billy prefers to ark naked. Because he is also fast and kishly strong for his size, it is often like

ng cattle to get him diapered. Joth requires a bit more effort and than disposables and when dirty, they to be somewhat more hazardous - icularly with inquisitive babies who w where they are stored.

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And then there's breast feeding ... but way am I going to say that I've become lactation. Breast is still best in my nion, and for a laundry list of reasons. However, my confidence that nursing is loads of cash is weaning, or, uh, ing. I have heard that formula costs irm and a leg, but I am near to argu-that breast feeding may cost you more of nourishment necessary

tanding upright. my life have I been so raven-. If someone would supply me with six e meals per day. I would eat them. ain, I did not find this to be the case en I had just one child, probably ause I could still find the time to pree a meal and eat it. too. As it is now, I nd entirely too much money on grab l go sushi, deli sandwiches and frozen ritos. I will continue to nurse, but I e to begin soliciting food donaLEARNING



Photos by Caleb Raynor/Staff

Assistant librarian George Webber leads a song and dance for toddlers during story hour at Athens-Clarke County Library.

not your average

Local man turns in suit for preschool story time



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By Chris J. Starrs Correspondent

n Thursday, the auditorium of the Athens-Clarke County Library will assume the role of a barnyard populated with sniffling animals, creating the perfect atmosphere for a group of visitors ages 18 months to 4 years old.

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IF YOU GO

Noisy Barnyard! Farm animal tale songs and rhymes with Mister George Make your own barnyard takehome craft When: 2 p.m Thursday

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After a few months of unemployment, Webber took a job at the library, located just a halfmile from his home, and soon after, Mister George came along. With a 3-year-old daughter, Webber has little difficulty reaching a level of understanding with toddlers.

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STORY TIME from D1

"It's easy for me," he said. "I think on their level anyway. This is my favorite group. We had been looking for some kind of program to pull in toddlers. By holding this at two in the after-noon. I don't think we're going to have a lot of second and third graders running over from their schools. We have a regular story time every week, and this program is an extension of story

"Each month, we create programming we hope will be appealing to toddlers," said Jackie Elsner, director of the Children's Section of the library.
"This one is built around stories. songs and rhymes, plus you get a take-home craft.'

The library hosts toddler and preschool story times at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and also fea-tures "Bedtime Stories" at 7 p.m. on Mondays. The children's area at the library keeps a busy schedule and hosted more than 15 youth-oriented programs during the month of February, including a presentation by Mr. George entitled "Giant's Journey," which was abetted by the CD accompaniment of "funsicologist" Scott



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Friendly book sale

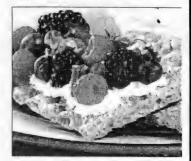
Book lovers in the community are gearing up for the 22nd annual Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library Book Sale, which will be held this week in the Athens West shopping center (near Ingle's) on Atlanta Highway.

Renee Annis, who's chairing the book sale effort, says literally thousands of books have been collected in the library's sorting room from donations made at the Baxter Street facility and at collection barrels around Athens. Last year's book sale earned some \$17,000, which Annis says is utilized for the

library staff's "wish list." One of last year's major purchases was a large CD/DVD cleaner, and funds are dispersed for various library projects and programs.

A special "Preview Night" is scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. today. The fee for admission for is \$3 for current Friends of the Library and \$10 for non-members. There's no admission charge for the subsequent public book sale. which will be held from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For more information, call (706) 613-3650, ext. 307.

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LOCAL NEWS

Library book sale scheduled this week

Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library will host its 22nd Annual Book Sale Wednesday through Saturday at the site of the former pet store in the Athens West shopping center on Atlanta Highway.

The friends will have a preview night from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, where members can get in to buy books for \$3; admission for non-members is \$10.

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For more information, call Physically Handicapped. (706) 613-3650, extension 307

Special needs library plans open house

The Special Needs Library of YWCO to host Northeast Georgia, housed in the Athens-Clarke County Library at 2025 Baxter St., will hold an open house from 2-4 Research Drive, will offer all-day p.m. Friday.

Admission is free at the regu- of the facilities and refreshments, break for many area schools. lar sale, which will run from 11 and is designed to recognize the

75th anniversary of the National Library Service for the Blind and

The Special Needs Library is a subregional library for specialneeds residents of 21 Northeast Georgia counties.

spring break program

The Athens YWCO, 562 programs during the week of The event will include a tour April 13-17, which is spring

The program is for shill

ages 5-12 and will include games, arts and crafts, swimming and field trips.

Parents need to register their child by Friday.

For more information, call the YWCO at (706) 354-7880.



ATHENS BANNER-HERALD SATURDAY

which parade are you in?

In one week, Christians will celebrate Palm Sunday, com-memorating the spring day in the year 30 when Jesus entered lerusalem from the east, riding on a donkey in fulfillment of

Zechariah's long ago prophecy. Some of us may be waving palm branches and singing "Hosanna," as did those first enthusiastic parade partici-

pants.
But did you know that at the same time Jesus was entering on the east, another procession was entering

Jerusalem on the west side of

We don't read much about that one, but rest assured it was there. Pilate and a battalion of there. Plate and a battalion of soldiers came up to Jerusalem from the seashore to keep close watch over the Jewish people during Prassover as they remem-bered their escape from captivity in Egypt, and perhaps were plot-ting the overtinew of their Roman oppressors. Speciators watched that parade too, awed watched that parade too, awed watched that parade too, awed by the display of power, the beating drums, marching feet, clanking armor and waving banners.
Everybody loves a parade. It's easy to be caught up in the excitement of the spectracle. Lent is the time when Christians deede which parade we want to be a part of.

Digital control to pull of the sec-

ular parade is strong, and it is confusing and alluring because it contusing and alluring because is often wrapped up in the flag and blessed by prominent reli-gious leaders. But make no mis-take, the reality of the secular parade is not the reality of the kingdom of God. It is a mile kingdom of God. It is a reality where might makes right, where power and force are the chosen strategies, and where money and influence are the province of a privileged few. And like Jesus' parade, it demands our souls

ur lives, our all.

Jesus opposed the Empire of tome. Jesus gave up his life in because he protested the mic, political and religious ower of the oppressor, its injus-tice and indifference to the poor and powerless.

His sacrifice forces us to confront these issues as we struggle to reconcile our wealth and com-fort with the extent to which we are willing, or not so willing, to work for justice in a world where people are still sold into slavery, a world where thousands die daily from hunger, malnutrition, preventable disease, abuse and

Two processions entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Which procession are we in? Caesar's parade or Jesus' parade? This is the paramount question.

Lisa Caine is the pastor at Oconee Street United Methodist Church and the director of Athens Urban Ministry.

CLOSE-UP

'aliteracy

Author encourages people to take more time to read

Story by Chris J. Starrs/Correspondent

AUTHOR ANTHONY GROOMS Reading and discussing his book "Trouble No More," a story collection about black families families
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
When: Athens-Clarke County
Library, 2025 Baxter St.
Cost: Free, part of the All Georgia
Reads project sponsored by the
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uthor Tony Grooms doesn't tread so ly when he talks about the intellect curiosity of the 21st century Am

The United States has never been a nat "The United States has never been a had of readers," wrote Grooms in a recent e-n interview while he was teaching and conding research in Stockholm as part of his we as a Fulbright Scholar. "We are probably well educated now as we have ever been in chistory. Still, filleracy is a great problem we easy solutions, were we willing to supplement."

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Beyond those issues, though, Grooms, will appear at the Athens-Clarke Courlibrary at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss suissues, said something greater looms.

"A tougher problem is 'altieracy." he sa "the educated people who won't read, or won't read good literature. I am not a suolike silly TV shows and popular books, to But I think it is a waste of an education that's the only intellectual exercise you g. And you don't have to be college educated read good literature. — so much is accessite even to young people."

The author of the story collection "Troul No More" (1998) and the novel "Bombinham" (2001) is doing his part to put a dent aliteracy by participating in the "All Georg Reads" program, which will have him visitight libraries in the state to read selectio from "Trouble No More" and lead a discussion (along with Georgia State University) ressor Pearl McHaney) about the book.

Grooms said he's pleased to be a part "All Georgia Reads," which is sponsored the Decatur-based Georgia. Center for the Book at the Library of Congress in Waington, D.C.). The program's purpose is promote reading and discussion of litera works that incorporate history and culture Georgia.

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Georgia.

"We hope this event will inspire new rea ers in the Athens area and will get peop excited to continue reading and to continue visiting the library," said Sart McLean of the Athens-Clarke Coun Library. Grooms, who teaches creative wr

ing at Kennesaw State University, sa he felt honored to be selected for t "Since my book of stories Trou

No More' deals with the recent hist of the South and with race relation provides a platform on which reac can think about and perhaps t about one of the most imports issues facing Georgia, and indeed, the world: How do we live in a mu

the world: How do we in a mi cultural society?

A native of Virginia, Groo received his undergraduate degree theater and speech from the Colleg-William & Mary and carned a Ma-of Fine Art degree in English from Geo Mason University. He is also an accomplis-playwright and poet, and "Thouble No Mo-is on the Georgia Center for the Book's Top reading list.

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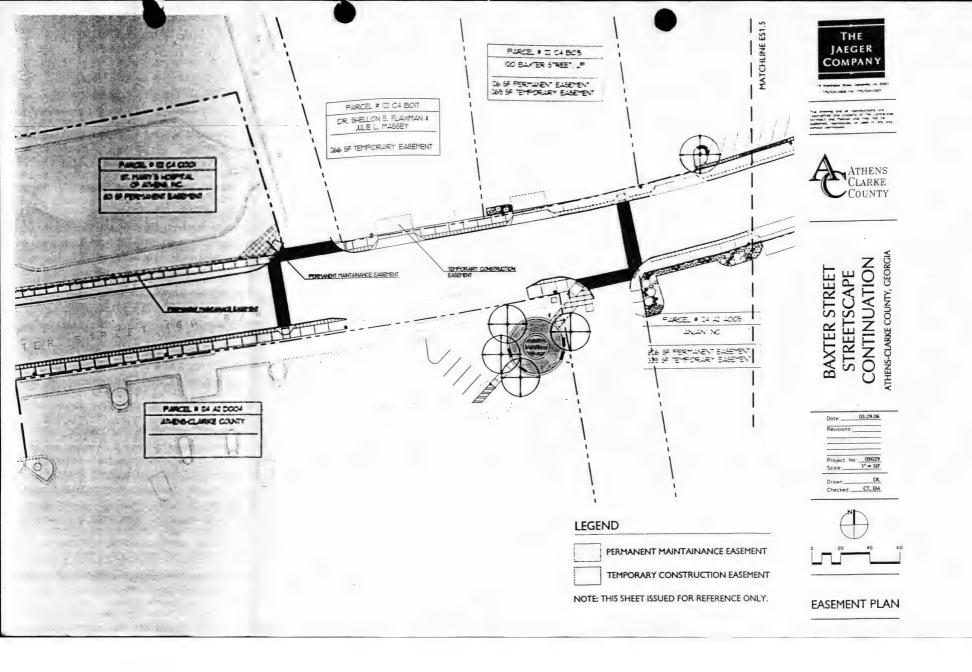
Grooms' novel "Bombingham" I received notice for its study of characters I sling with their roles in the Civil Rights Mc ment. Grooms admitted writing the book's stressful, but not for the reasons one mi

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"It's always painful to write a novel," aid. "For me, the pain is more in the prox—the years of rewriting and self doubt much less in the content, Certainly, I am sy pathetic toward my characters; after all. Bombingham, their history is my own. I the writing process is a way to get an emolt al distance from that history while, paradically delying into the emissional truth of the process.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT—APRIL 2006

1. BOOKMOBILE

Our bookmobile is about to close down due to mechanical failure. April 30 will be the last day of service because it is simply not safe to drive on the highway. On Monday, April 10, I met with Linda O'Neal and Dennis Young from First American Bank. For the next 3 years, the Bank's charitable emphasis will be on literacy. First American has sponsored book gifts for children living in the bank's service area during the annual Vacation Reading Club. They intend to continue this effort this summer. They also provide a drawing for special activities during the summer—one winner spent his "library bucks" at the make-it and take-it pottery store; another went to a play with Town and Gown.

Linda and Dennis are both very concerned about the status of the bookmobile. They have offered to help us obtain funding for a replacement vehicle. I outlined my desires—a smaller vehicle which can be used to serve homebound folks and which could be driven by one employee. I expect to use the vehicle primarily for delivery rather than allowing people to come into the vehicle to select items, although depending on the size, this might be a possibility. The bank may be willing to help solicit funds or may be able to identify a source of a grant—they are still considering ways this might be accomplished.

2. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Thank you for your help in promoting "Buck for Books." While we didn't reach the \$1 per capita milestone, we did make a good start! I appreciate your taking the time to contact legislators to inform them about the need for more books in our libraries. Other FY07 funding includes:

- 4% salary increase for state-funded librarian positions applied to the teacher index salary schedule to begin January 1, 2007
- \$900,000 increase in funding for New Directions
- \$2,000,000 increase in funding for library materials to be distributed on the New Directions funding formula.
- \$600,000 (bonded) for Chickamauga and \$2,000,000 (bonded) for Live Oak, Chatham Co . Several other library projected were funded in the Supplemental FY06 budget

3. CONSTRUCTION

The renovation and repair project for Madison County is now underway. Jack Flanigan from d'Oplossing in Atlanta is the project manager. We anticipate that the building will be finished in early summer. The repair is being funded by a State grant of \$350,000 and insurance of approximately \$150,000. When finished, the building will have a metal roof and new lighting throughout the facility in addition to approximately 3000 SF more than the original shell that was destroyed during the tornado in September 2004. The county also intends to extend sewer lines to the facility which will be a major improvement.

The Royston Library is also moving closer to making some major improvements in that library using SPLOST funding. The City has decided to refurbish the Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning system and then to proceed with the Board's request for new carpeting, a special entry to the children's area, painting, and other furniture purchases. Lavonia will also receive some much needed sprucing-up in its children's area to make the space more attractive for our small users. The City of Lavonia used some of its share of SPLOST funding to purchase the parking lot across from the Library. That was much needed and provides the opportunity for library growth in the future.

4. PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING

This meeting was held in Boston from March 20-25. As always, it was chock-full of interesting information and ideas. The exhibits offer librarians an opportunity to meet authors, see new books, test new equipment, and learn about software. Based on the exhibits and a conversation with other Georgia librarians present, we have agreed to form a consortium to purchase access to downloadable e-books on a pilot basis. We are going to test the services of the firm, Overdrive, which makes electronic books available for download to an MP3 player, to CD or to diskette. The pilot project will be funded for one year by the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. Patrons will have access to a fair number of books [to be determined by the consortium] and we will be able to measure the number of uses and user satisfaction.

One of the meetings underscored my commitment to marketing our collection much better than we do now. Not only do they use a lot of face-out shelving, but they have made using the library much more user-friendly. Some of the ambience comes from well lit reading areas scattered among the stacks; signage is accented; and the use of roving reference librarians and greeters at the front entry make the facilities much more customer oriented.

Probably the most inspirational presentation came from author Elie Wiesel. His matter of fact discussion of life during the Holocaust and move to the US was dramatic. His use of libraries and the value he places on them was moving. I also had the opportunity to meet several authors including the authors of *A History of the Negro Leagues* [One was wearing a Red Sox uniform and the other was in Dodger Blue...].

Thanks for making it possible for our Assistant Directors, Debbie Thrasher from Oconee and me to attend. This is always the best meeting for new ideas and opportunities to network.

5. NETWORKING

And speaking of networking, many of our staff have had the opportunity to participate in various activities around Athens and the State. Nine of our staff members are participating in various aspects of the Poverty in Athens work groups, ranging from manning a table at the Fair at HT Edwards, participating on the 5 committees, or attending programs. Because education is at the heart of many of the issues, I've challenged our staff to find ways for the library to become a partner in helping to develop solutions to the many issues presented by this topic.

Miguel Vicente is presenting 3 programs on Outreach to Spanish Speaking Communities beginning on April 11 and continuing through to April 27 when he will be in Watkinsville. The Gates Foundation is sponsoring the series and covers not only his travel costs, but lunch for all participants and training materials.

In late March, a group from Columbia, Aiken, and Charleston visited the Pinewoods Library to learn more about our outreach program. Faculty from the USC College of Education and the School of Library Science also joined the group for the day. The many partners and our location were discussed. They hope to replicate our success.

We will have a booth at the Chamber's EXPO next Thursday and will again focus on library resources available in the community. We expect to promote a wide selection of business materials, summer reading information and handouts about the myriad services. Stop by the Civic Center!

And Join Us This Summer for Our Reading Extravaganza!

SUMMARY OF BUILDING ADDITIONS FOR SPOST 2005

The goal of the renovation and addition project is to prepare the building for the future growth of the community. Visitors to the library will find expanded space for reading and accessing the world of information, more shelving and browsing areas, more meeting spaces to meet the "commons" role of the library, better lighting nad improved maintenance features. Specifics include:

- 1. Move lobby to front of building closer to parking lot. Move store and refreshment area into the lobby.
- 2. Add a Music Room for listening and downloads; this may also include the AV collection.
- 3. Expand the existing auditorium, make the stage ADA compliant, add a storage space for baby grand piano.
- 4. Add new 150 seat multi-purpose room with moveable walls to subdivide space.
- 5. Change all of circulation to self-check units; set up Information Desk with a circulation specialist and reference librarian for quick response to questions.
- 6. Change all browsing to face-out display; promote better merchandizing, add better signage.
- 7. Develop Technology Commons on both first and second floors with monitored computers.
- 8. Provide more storage throughout the building, including a space for the Friends to store book sale items.
- 9. Expand stack collection on the second floor; expand Heritage Room.
- 10. Develop a public space for the Special Needs Center adjacent to the entry.
- 11. Add classroom space for group instruction.
- 12. Update all finishes in the building eliminating all high-maintenance areas including wall coverings, flooring, etc. One of our major problems is upkeep within the facility and with surfaces that are wearing badly. Some furniture and equipment must also be replaced because of heavy use and obsolescence.
- 13. Add as many parking spaces as possible given the space available.
- 14. Determine future of bookmobile and outreach services. This may result in smaller space requirements; all current services will be reviewed thoroughly.

Memo

To:

Athens Clarke Co. Library Board

From:

Finance Committee

Date:

April 10, 2006

Re:

Budget - FY 2006, 2007, 2008

The Finance Committee met on April 4, 2006 to discuss questions regarding SPLOST funds. Following are the finance committee's recommendations. The board will be asked to approve these recommendations at the board meeting on April 11, 2006.

1. Question: Should we conserve the equipment portion of the SPLOST from FY2006 and 2007 to spend on materials during our zero funded year FY2008? This equipment portion is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$65,000.

Board Recommendation:

Do not conserve funds. Let the Commission and SPLOST know that both equipment and materials needs do not make conserving SPLOST funds a good idea. We should take up a very public stance for donations to cover the needs for FY08, a year when it appears that we will have no materials funds (other than the state's funding).

Notes:

The \$65,000 has to be obligated by December 2006. The library is in need of a new telephone system. Bids from vendors will be solicited. A complete list of necessary expenditures will be provided to the Board at the July 2006 meeting.

The public campaign will begin with an ad in the newspaper focused on the "State of your Library." The PR Committee and Stacey will provide direction and input and the Friends of the Library will be asked to fund the ad. The library staff will initiate a mail solicitation as well. Additional ideas for the public campaign include soliciting gifts and asking the Friends to donate their FY07 book sale proceeds to materials purchases in FY08.

2. Question:

Should the library board develop a memorandum of understanding with the SPLOST office about the potential use of some library reserved funds in 2006--to hire an architect and begin the preliminary design requirements needed to be eligible to be placed on the FY08 state funding list for public libraries? The understanding would be that ACC Library would be fully reimbursed once SPLOST funds were available in FY09 (beginning in July, 2008).

Board Recommendation:

The board should develop a memorandum of understanding since getting the design requirements done earlier will be important for obtaining future support.

Notes:

The ACC Library has approximately \$270,000 in reserve [which includes the vacation reserve and 3 months of operating expenditures].

SPLOST will reimburse ACC Library for spending the reserves.

Costs - approx. \$70,000 - \$80,000 for preliminary architect work Standard RFP for architectural selection does include, but not limited to, a) interior designer on staff, b) experience in working with public libraries, and c) specifications for deadlines.

November 1, 2006 – The building program plan due to the public library building program.

Dec. 30, 2006 – Final designs due to the public library building program

Circulation Statistics FY2006

Athens-Clarke

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	53,095	52,481	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491
August	46,296	47,218	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103
September	41,867	41,387	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997
October	43,436	43,845	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474
November	43,864	42,818	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990
December	36,543	34,062	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808
January	44,732	44,353	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	47,340
February	44,442	44,795	43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	47,215
March	47,647	47,750	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	48,100
April	43,149	44,551	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	
May	39,685	43,412	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	
June	55,027	56,060	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	
TOTALS	539,783	542,732	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	
In-House U	lse			496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	195,260

*PINES system down 18 hours
Athens -Materials Reshelved After Use

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July			1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553
August			2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	537
September	r		2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210
October			2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728
November			1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962
December			1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,687
January		1,369	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	1,240
February		2,331	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	2,314
March		2,521	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	2,052
April		2,408	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	
May		1,796	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	
June		2,207	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	
TOTALS		12,632	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

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	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	784	961	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	1,116
August	541	773	857	909	1,026	1,103	1145	902
September	414	660	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714
October	432	681	578	738	990	990	963	921
November	376	629	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430
December	355	497	487	479	618	1,137	771	667
January	308	579	970	598	760	922	777	1,052
February	367	507	912	818	771	743	797	1073
March	495	641	929	818	927	1,096	817	1,152
April	429	370	613	676	706	807	636	
May	442	512	753	1,139	1265	973	784	
June	823	709	925	1,544	1018	1,407	1473	
TOTALS	5,766	7,519	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	
In-house Us	se				11,596	3,562	3640	1014

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	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	742	1,668	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157
August	826	1,346	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	173
September	1,206	1,206	1,449	13	1,765	286	49	173
October	1,270	921	1,547	829	2,126	2,174	323	1,616
November	1,640	1,717	832	1,487	1,530	219	217	1555
December	1,057	1,083	715	1,162	1,826	195	248	1261
January	1,704	1,276	1,119	2,256	2,243	131	135	1,758
February	1,380	876	66	2,576	1,589	1,820	165	765
March	2,042	1,074	1,747	1,335	950	1,858	331	1,002
April	1,220	1,234	1,282	1,456	1,826	143	227	
May	942	757	935	1,075	1,558	292	293	
June	1,871	2,457	1,589	559	194	377	244	
TOTALS	15,900	15,615	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	22,802

	East Ather	s Resource	Center		Pinewoods		
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006		FY 2005	FY 2006
July		133	978	492	July		440
August		80	454	478	August		977
September		234	34	265	September	•	341
October	33	917	1,124	518	October		303
November	9	426	218	849	November		1285
December	193	585	34	502	December		141
January	158	635	828	58	January		334
February	227	538	41	577	February		145
March	148	533	391	340	March	110	539
April	129	837	413		April	603	
May	111	578	589		May	744	
June	52	777	580		June	664	
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684		TOTALS	2,121	
In-House Us	se 639	10,166	9,204	3380	In-House U	lse	

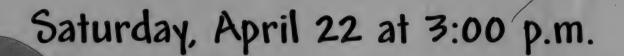
Lay Park Resource Center

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July		137	3,549	686
August		73	990	398
September		382	543	257
October	4	381	644	1058
November	49	385	538	358
December	238	423	475	746
January	167	373	497	888
February	112	124	395	773
March	160	177	999	1004
April	127	139	533	
May	118	172	1,077	
June	44	3,894	1,066	
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	
In-House U	se 999	13,988	6,396	4186

Celebrate the 14th Birthday

of the Athens-Clarke County Library

Join us for
Tall Tale Round-Up
with
Rick Sowash,
the Master of the Tall Tale



Heard a good story lately? You will if you attend this event by Ohio storyteller Rick Sowash. He shares his own stories and music for an enjoyable family event. Help us celebrate the library's 14th birthday with cake and balloons in the lobby immediately following the program.

Rick Sowash is sponsored by the **Athens Chamber Singers**. Birthday cake and balloons courtesy of the **Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library**.



An Evening of Readings

Native American Literature

Friday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

Program Sponsored By:



Institute of Native American Studies at UGA



GEORGIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL Readings by scholars are part of the international academic conference *Native American Literature: Nationalism and Beyond* sponsored by the Institute for Native American Studies at the University of Georiga and the Georiga Humanities Council. This event is part of the conference programming.



Joy Harjo



Simon Ortiz



Craig Womack



LeAnne Howe



Daniel Justice

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Dana Wildsmith,

author of One Good Hand: Poems



Sunday, April 23

Poetry Writing Workshop

in Small Conference Room
2:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Participants are invited to bring samples of their writing

Poetry Reading

in Library Auditorium
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Dana Wildsmith will read from
One Good Hand: Poems

How does a writer

transform the

strictly personal

into a shared life

that interests

someone else?



erry Kay, Augusta Trombaugh, Julie Cannon, Lewis Grizzard and Georgia's Poet Laureate David Bottom won their places in our hearts be-

cause they write about what we care about most: home. They write about their homes in such a vividly personal way that we feel welcomed into their story or poem as if it were our neighbor's kitchen. How do

they do this? How does a writer transform the strictly personal into a shared life that interests someone else? This process will be the focus of a workshop by local poet Dana Wildsmith who has taught creative writing throughout the United States. Immediately fol-

lowing the workshop, Wildsmith will conduct a public reading from her newest book, *One Good Hand: Poems.* The collection of poems addresses the impact of growth and development in North Georgia, with her family's land in Bar-

row County serving as example.

This event is free and open to the public. Space in the workshop is limited.



Live! at the Library

featuring Ricky Fitzpatrick



Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m.

in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium

inger, guitarist and songwriter Ricky Fitzpatrick, a native of Commerce, Ga., has written over 200 songs and has been performing since the age of 5. He is a local and area Star Search Male Vocalist, a finalist in the Colgate Country Music Showdown and a vocal finalist in the Amateur Night at the Apollo series.

This month's program is also the annual business meeting of the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. A reception hosted by the organization will follow the performance.

This program is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. For more information, please call 613-3650.

How Did THAT Get in the Gene Pool

A Case Study Presented by Carolyn Berdanier, R.D., Ph.D.

Saturday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Program

Dr. Berdanier examined her family's medical history to find out when diabetes and other diseases first appeared. She will discuss what she found and how she discovered it in this free program.

Details

The event is open to the public and registration is not required. The program is sponsored by the Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room.



The History of Participal And Partic

Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

on Nelson, a newspaperman since 1974 and current Associate Editor of the Athens Banner-Herald, gives a presentation about the long history of newspapers in Athens, Ga. This event is free and open to the public and no registration is required. Programming is sponsored by the Athens Historical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room.



Minutes Athens Regional Library Board April 20, 2006

The quarterly meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Howard Shapiro at 3:30 in Chairman Prokasy's absence. Present were Ms. Gothard and Mr. Mathis, (Franklin County); Ms. Coutant, Mrs. Murray and Mr. Ingram, (Madison County); Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Jones (Oglethorpe County); Ms. Luke, Ms. Stratton, and Mr. Zimmerman(Oconee County); and Ms. Dunn, Ms. Lane, Mr. Timmons (Athens-Clarke County). Mr. Andrews and Mr. Prokasy were excused. Ms. Parten were absent. Staff present were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Firestone, Mrs. Daniel, and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of January 19, 2006 board meeting were unanimously approved as amended on a motion and second from Mr. Ingram and Ms Dunn.

The agenda was unanimously adopted. There were no members of the public present.

The third quarter FY06 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. In all counties and in the regional revenues and expenditures, the figures are close to 75% of budgeted amount as they should be. Revenues are at 73% of total and expenditures at 73%. The City of Bogart sent a check today which is not on this statement.

Staff Report: Gail Firestone reported on a recent workshop she attended while at PLA in Boston. It was on a nationwide literacy initiative called "Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library." Birth to age 5 is the most important time to develop the brain and skills for reading. Children's programming in our libraries will be changing to encompass this emphasis. Staff will be trained to enhance their story times in 6 essential skills.

Regional Reports

Madison County: Mr. Ingram stated that Madison County monthly statistics had increased over last quarter's numbers. He said construction is underway to repair the library. There have been a lot of donated construction materials including steel beams and drywall so the roof will be replaced after all as well as the HVAC system, lighting and all of the carpeting. Unfortunately, expansion is not in the plans now. The Friends have a plan to raise money for that part. There are two new board members, Nina Chandler and George Nales.

Oconee County: Mr. Zimmerman reported that the quarter had been active. There are two new YA staff members and they have already had Café YA, a lock-in and games night. The Friends had Vince Dooley come and speak at Thursday Night Live. Debbie Thrasher, Branch Manager, attended PLA Boston workshops.

Athens-Clarke County: Mrs. Lane noted that Friends Book Sale made approximately \$21,000. The library birthday party is April 21. There will be some inconvenience on Baxter as construction begins on the streetscaping project. The budget was presented to the County Commission in February and they had only two questions, neither of which were related to the budget. The board is still waiting to hear about our budget request. First American Bank in going to continue to support the Summer Reading Club monetarily, but are also interested in helping us acquire some kind of delivery van.

Oglethorpe County: There was no quorum at the quarterly meeting as only 3 members came. The tentative budget to the county is asking for an 18% increase or \$8,000. Employees haven't had a raise in 3 years. The Friends have been revitalized and sponsored an Antique and Junk Road Show in March. Friends will donate some money to purchase or lease a new copier for the library.

Franklin County: Mr. Mathis said that a constitutional change will allow board members to serve 3 consecutive 3 year terms. The Royston City Manager has agreed to upgrade all heating and air system. \$17,000 will come from SPLOST funds. There is a proposal in the works to renovate some other areas of the library with the remaining \$26,000. Lavonia spend \$20,000 to purchase the lot next to the library and has \$25,000 left for renovation.

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Old Business:

The first item was conducted as Mr. Timmons had to leave early. He presented the Nominating Committee's recommendation that Gerald Ingram be elected Vice Chair. Mr. Jones added the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Dorothy Daniel, of the Bookmobile staff, reported that the bookmobile was picking up the last of the deposits and books from individuals and then will be docked. It is unsafe to drive. However, homebound services will continue using the library van.

Mrs. Ames reported on the branch manager's meeting and a meeting with the sub-regional libraries for the blind throughout the state. The new TBC director is in favor of warehousing the sub-regionals' books so that will be coming soon. She also mentioned that Oconee's branch manager, Debbie Thrasher, might be moving because of her husband's job. Someone from Athens will be transferred there at least through the summer. Mrs. Ames also mentioned an incident regarding a teenager checking out something her grandmother objected to and reminded board members that it is not the library's role to police what people check out.

Old Business.

Bookmobile – There is \$15,000 in a vehicle replacement fund CD. The van has 100,000 miles on it. It will be adding still more miles by using it as a homebound vehicle now. A committee comprised of Mr. Mathis, Chair; Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Zimmerman was appointed to help find a replacement vehicle. A cargo van or the most energy efficient vehicle on state contract that can be found is desired.

New Business.

- 1. Change over from PINES to Evergreen will occur September 5. It is recommended that all libraries in the system close September 2 and 3 to aid in the transition. This proposal was unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Gothard.
- 2. Is was unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Jones and Mr. Ingram to delegate authority to the Athens-Clarke County Library Board to initiate the RFP and hiring of an architect along with the SPLOST office.
- 3. Signature authority required by the state library was unanimously approved for the library director on a motion and second from Ms. Murray and Ms. Stratton.

Other Business

Ms. Blake will send the director's performance review out to board members who will return them to Ms. Stratton, chair of the Personnel Committee.

Following announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 on a motion from Ms. Lane which everyone seconded.

Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY AGENDA April 20, 2006

Call to order.

Review and approve minutes of January 19, 2006

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report: Gail Firestone: Early Literacy Programs

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

- 1. Report from Nominating Committee and election of a Vice-Chairman
- 2. Bookmobile
 - a. Replacement?
 - b. Disposal

New Business.

- 1. Changeover from PINES to Evergreen close libraries weekend of September 2-3
- 2. Delegate authority to Athens-Clarke County Board to begin construction project with quarterly reports to Regional Board

3. Signature Authority designation

Other Business.

1. Director's Performance Review

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Business Meeting, Friends of Georgia Libraries May 19, 11:00 in Perry, GA Program Meeting, Friends of Georgia Libraries November 17, at Decatur Library Evergreen Debut: September 5, 2006

Future Board Meetings this year:

July 20, 2006 - at Oglethorpe County Library October 19, 2006



LIBRARY SYSTEM	
The Library System Board has given signature a other documents to	who holds the
position of	·
This action was taken on	•
Library System Board Chair	_

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

Revenue:	Budget Amount	Amount Received	Balance	% of Budget Received
Oconee County:				
Board of Commissioners	287,083.00	215,312.25	71,770.75	75.00%
Board of Education	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Watkinsville	8,000.00	8,000.00	_	100.00%
City of Bogart	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	18,177.62	7,322.38	71.28%
Carry over from FY05	2,636.00		2,636.00	0.00%
Totals	359,219.00	271,489.87	87,729.13	75.58%
Oglethorpe County:				
Board of Commissioners	46,500.00	34,875.09	11,624.91	75.00%
Board of Education	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Maxeys	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
City of Crawford	500.00	500.00	-	100.00%
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	100.00	-	100.00%
Ctiy of Lexington	500.00	500.00	-	100.00%
Fines and Fees	8,500.00	5,758.08	2,741.92	67.74%
Meeting Room	300.00	195.00	105.00	65.00%
Transfer from Reserve	3,128.00		3,128.00	0.00%
Totals	74,728.00	56,928.17	17,799.83	76.18%
GRAND TOTALS	3,261,176.00	2,407,800.68	853,375.32	73.83%

Athens Regional Library FY2006 July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

Expenditures:	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
Regional:				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,684.00	4,943.37	3,740.63	56.93%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	5,910.00	7,015.98	(1,105.98)	118.71%
Solinet Fees	900.00	37.17	862.83	4.13%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	1,012.77	2,987.23	25.32%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	1,466.89	33.11	97.79%
Debt Collection Service	16,000.00	9,118.49	6,881.51	56.99%
Workers Compensation	12,114.00	10,725.00	1,389.00	88.53%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	-	1,070.24	(1,070.24)	
Mobile Telephone (Bookmobile)	300.00	-	300.00	0.00%
Postage	7,000.00	5,540.24	1,459.76	79.15%
Travel	4,500.00	3,554.62	945.38	78.99%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	784.20	1,215.80	39.21%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	1,750.00	250.00	87.50%
Computer Maintenance	2,575.00	_	2,575.00	0.00%
Insurance	16,057.00	16,057.00	_	100.00%
Supplies	22,000.00	20,999.09	1,000.91	95.45%
Personnel	628,543.00	471,407.25	157,135.75	75.00%
Materials	72,285.00	52,021.26	20,263.74	71.97%
M&O/System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	57,301.00	20,447.00	73.70%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	95,416.24	46,472.76	67.25%
Totals	1,026,005.00	760,220.81	265,784.19	<u>74.10</u> %
Athens-Clarke County:				
Outreach	44,000.00	33,000.00	11,000.00	75.00%
Personnel	1,302,932.00	901,340.62	401,591.38	69.18%
Operating Expenses	199,571.00	150,147.22	49,423.78	<u>75.23%</u>
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,084,487.84	462,015.16	70.13%

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

Revenue:	Budget Amount	Amount Received	Dolomos	% of Budget
Regional:	Amount	Received	Balance	Received
Outreach	101,540.00	76,155.00	25,385.00	75.00%
Interest	4,000.00	1,578.32	2,421.68	39.46%
Personnel	628,543.00	471,407.25	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Materials	72,285.00		157,135.75	75.00%
M&O/System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	54,213.75 58,311.00	18,071.25	75.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	106,416.75	19,437.00 35,472.25	75.00% 75.00%
Totals	1,026,005.00	768,082.07	257,922.93	74.86%
Athens-Clarke County:				
Board of Commissioners	1,440,428.00	1,080,321.00	360,107.00	75.00%
City of Winterville	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	50.00%
Fines and Fees	88,075.00	59,575.16	28,499.84	67.64%
Bellsouth E-Rate		9,867.38	(9,867.38)	
Interest	6,000.00	717.67	5,282.33	11.96%
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,156,481.21	390,021.79	74.78%
Franklin County:				
Board of Commissioners	24,000.00	18,000.00	6,000.00	75.00%
Board of Education	24,000.00	24,000.00	-	100.00%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon	,	_ 1,000.00	_	100.00 //
Carnesville & Franklin Springs	30,351.00	24,166.70	6,184.30	79.62%
Transfer from Reserve	5,441.00	,	5,441.00	
Bellsouth E-rate		378.67	(378.67)	
Fines and Fees	5,000.00	4,557.54	442.46	91.15%
Totals	88,792.00	71,102.91	17,689.09	80.08%
Madison County:				
Board of Commissioners	154,929.00	77,464.50	77,464.50	50.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	11,000.00	6,251.95	4,748.05	56.84%
Totals	165,929.00	83,716.45	82,212.55	
Totals	103,929.00	65,/10.45	62,212.55	50.45%

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

Expenditures:	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
Franklin County:				
Outreach	14,640.00	10,980.00	3,660.00	75.00%
Personnel	66,449.00	51,135.37	15,313.63	76.95%
Operating Expenses	7,703.00	4,251.92	3,451.08	55.20%
Totals	88,792.00	66,367.29	22,424.71	74.74%
Madison County:		_		
Outreach	14,900.00	11,175.00	3,725.00	75.00%
Personnel	118,580.00	89,647.68	28,932.32	75.60%
Operating Expenses	32,449.00	23,222.60	9,226.40	71.57%
Totals	165,929.00	124,045.28	41,883.72	74.76%
Oconee County:				
Outreach	19,000.00	14,250.00	4,750.00	75.00%
Personnel	321,799.00	228,952.21	92,846.79	71.15%
Operating Expenses	18,420.00	12,229.86	6,190.14	66.39%
Totals	359,219.00	255,432.07	103,786.93	71.11%
Oglethorpe County:				
Outreach	9,000.00	6,750.00	2,250.00	75.00%
Personnel	57,228.00	40,700.69	16,527.31	71.12%
Operating Expenses	8,500.00	6,100.41	2,399.59	71.77%
Totals	74,728.00	53,551.10	21,176.90	71.66%
GRAND TOTALS	3 261 176 00	2 344 104 30	917 071 61	71 88%
GRAND TOTALS	3,261,176.00	2,344,104.39	917,071.61	71.88%

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-APRIL 2006

1. Friends of Georgia Libraries

FOGL was very supportive of our Bucks for Books campaign. There will be a Business Meeting on May 19 in Perry. The Program meeting is in Decatur on November 17 and it will feature Friends of Libraries USA President Sally Reed. Sally will be a dynamic speaker and I hope you will put this meeting on your calendar.

2. Bookmobile

Our bookmobile is about to close down due to mechanical failure. April 30 will be the last day of service because it is simply not safe to drive on the highway. On Monday, April 10, I met with Linda O'Neal and Dennis Young from First American Bank. For the next 3 years, the Bank's charitable emphasis will be on literacy. First American has sponsored book gifts for children living in the bank's service area during the annual Vacation Reading Club. They intend to continue this effort this summer. They also provide a drawing for special activities during the summer—one winner spent his "library bucks" at the make-it and take-it pottery store; another went to a play with Town and Gown.

Linda and Dennis are both very concerned about the status of the bookmobile. They have offered to help us obtain funding for a replacement vehicle. I outlined my desires—a smaller vehicle which can be used to serve homebound folks and which could be driven by one employee. I expect to use the vehicle primarily for delivery rather than allowing people to come into the vehicle to select items, although depending on the size, this might be a possibility. The bank may be willing to help solicit funds or may be able to identify a source of a grant—they are still considering ways this might be accomplished.

3. Legislative Issues

Thank you for your help in promoting "Buck for Books." While we didn't reach the \$1 per capita milestone, we did make a good start! I appreciate your taking the time to contact legislators to inform them about the need for more books in our libraries. Other FY07 funding includes:

- 4% salary increase for state-funded librarian positions applied to the teacher index salary schedule to begin January 1, 2007
- 8900,000 increase in funding for New Directions
- \$2,000,000 increase in funding for library materials to be distributed on the New Directions funding formula.
- \$600,000 (bonded) for Chickamauga and \$2,000,000 (bonded) for Live Oak, Chatham Co. Several other library projected were funded in the Supplemental FY06 budget

4. Construction

The renovation and repair project for Madison County is now underway. Jack Flanigan from d'Oplossing in Atlanta is the project manager. We anticipate that the building will be

finished in early summer. The repair is being funded by a State grant of \$350,000 and insurance of approximately \$150,000. When finished, the building will have a metal roof, carpeting and new lighting throughout the facility that was destroyed during the tornado in September 2004. The county also intends to extend sewer lines to the facility which will be a major improvement.

The Royston Library is also moving closer to making some major improvements in that library using SPLOST funding. The City has decided to refurbish the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning system and then to proceed with the Board's request for new carpeting, a special entry to the children's area, painting, and other furniture purchases. Lavonia will also receive some much needed sprucing-up in its children's area to make the space more attractive for our small users. The City of Lavonia used some of its share of SPLOST funding to purchase the parking lot across from the Library. That was much needed and provides the opportunity for library growth in the future.

5. Public Library Association Meeting

This meeting was held in Boston from March 20-25. As always, it was chock-full of interesting information and ideas. The exhibits offer librarians an opportunity to meet authors, see new books, test new equipment, and learn about software. Based on the exhibits and a conversation with other Georgia librarians present, we have agreed to form a consortium to purchase access to downloadable e-books on a pilot basis. We are going to test the services of the firm, Overdrive, which makes electronic books available for download to an MP3 player, to CD or to diskette. The pilot project will be funded for one year by the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. Patrons will have access to a fair number of books [to be determined by the consortium] and we will be able to measure the number of uses and user satisfaction.

One of the meetings underscored my commitment to marketing our collection much better than we do now. Not only do they use a lot of face-out shelving, but they have made using the library much more user-friendly. Some of the ambience comes from well lit reading areas scattered among the stacks; signage is accented; and the use of roving reference librarians and greeters at the front entry make the facilities much more customer oriented.

Probably the most inspirational presentation came from author Elie Wiesel. His matter of fact discussion of life during the Holocaust and move to the US was dramatic. His use of libraries and the value he places on them was moving. I also had the opportunity to meet several authors including the authors of *A History of the Negro Leagues* [One was wearing a Red Sox uniform and the other was in Dodger Blue...].

Thanks for making it possible for our Assistant Directors, Debbie Thrasher from Oconee and me to attend. This is always the best meeting for new ideas and opportunities to network.

6. Networking

Visitors from the University of South Carolina, Aiken, and suburban Columbia that have seen large growth in the Hispanic population visited Pinewoods to discuss Plaza Comunitaria. They were amazed by the activities being offered. Next week, a group from Coastal Carolina University will be visiting to learn more about this unique program.

And speaking of networking, many of our staff have had the opportunity to participate in various activities around Athens and the State. Nine of our staff members are participating in various aspects of the Poverty in Athens work groups, ranging from manning a table at the Fair at HT Edwards, participating on the 5 committees, or attending programs. Because education is at the heart of many of the issues, I've challenged our staff to find ways for the library to become a partner in helping to develop solutions to the many issues presented by this topic.

Miguel Vicente is presenting 3 programs on Outreach to Spanish Speaking Communities beginning on April 11 and continuing through to April 27 when he will be in Watkinsville. The Gates Foundation is sponsoring the series and covers not only his travel costs, but lunch for all participants and training materials.

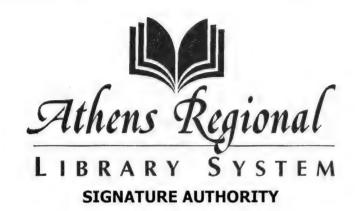
In late March, a group from Columbia, Aiken, and Charleston visited the Pinewoods Library to learn more about our outreach program. Faculty from the USC College of Education and the School of Library Science also joined the group for the day. The many partners and our location were discussed. They hope to replicate our success.

We will have a booth at the Chamber's EXPO next Thursday and will again focus on library resources available in the community. We expect to promote a wide selection of business materials, summer reading information and handouts about the myriad services. Stop by the Civic Center!

7. Public service through Georgia Public Library Services.

I am serving on a committee that is examining how GPLS can improve its services to libraries in the State of Georgia. Each of us has been asked to submit 3 ideas for improved service. My suggestions are as follows: 1. Hire an expert to research Georgia law and find a solution for our annual "begging for money" situations—I want them to hire someone with the stature of Sam Nunn who can not only assess the situation, but help us get this into law. [OK, not very likely, but what we need!] 2. Hire consultants for legal issues. Right now, we either have to hire an attorney for personnel issues as well as contracts and having an in-house attorney would be very beneficial. 3. Recognize that "one size fits all" is not the best approach to grant distribution. A flat grant of \$2000 to ARLS should not be the same as the \$2000 for Hart County!

Join Us This Summer for Our Reading Extravaganza!



LIBRARY SYSTEM	Athens Regional	Library	System
The Library System Boar	d has given signature a	uthority for	all contracts and
other documents to	Kathryn S. Ames		who holds the
position ofDirector	, Athens Regional	Library.	System
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ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES July 11, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Vice-Chairman, Fran Lane. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Childers, Mr. Gaither, Ms. Heard, Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Ms. Pope, Mr. Prokasy and Ms. Williams. Ms. DeJoy, Ms. Hawks-Bradley, and Mr. Timmons were excused. Ms. Dunn was absent. Also present were staff members Mr. Deal, Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes.

The minutes of April 11, 2006 meeting were approved amended on a motion and second from Mr. Mokler and Ms. Kohl.

The agenda was unanimously adopted after agreeing to move the discussion of the FY07 budget approval up after the Financial Report on a motion and second from Ms. Heard and Mr. Bentley.

Ms. Simonds presented the Financial Report for information purposes. Because the budget is within 10% it meets state requirements and does not need amending. Increased expenditures for gas and heat and insurance will be discussed under next year's budget. Mrs. Ames explained that an unfilled vacant position in Technical Services had created the surplus in Wages/Benefits.

The FY07 Athens-Clarke County Budget was presented for approval. After some discussion, the board voted to approve the budget on the table and sign the contract with Athens-Clarke County and then have the Finance Committee meet and make any adjustments necessary to the budget. This was unanimously passed on a motion and second from Mr. Prokasy and Ms. Bogue.

There was no public comment.

Mrs. Ames introduced Don Martin and Keith Sanders, Administrators of the SPLOST projects. They reported that the largest amount of funding is planned to begin July 2008. Prior to that there are funds available only for books/materials or equipment purchase. Since we are trying to win a state grant, we need design work prior to 2008 to support that request. Mr. Martin said that they would help put together an RFP for architects and will oversee them when one is chosen in the next 6-8 months. A Memo of Agreement is also being developed to allow money to be reimbursed to the library for what it must spend prior to the funding kicking in July 2008.

Staff Report: Pam Blake and Greg Deal gave the equipment purchase requests for SPLOST funds. Mrs. Blake explained that purchase/lease of multi-functional copier/printer/fax machines is being put on hold until a design is in place. It was recommended that there be a main copy center(4 in all) on each floor of the library for both public and staff use. In the meantime, we can save money by buying 3 new larger printers to network. Mr. Deal reported on the telephone systems we looked at purchasing. It was recommended that the Digitel/Nortel system be put in place as soon as possible. He also mentioned the 9 new network switches needed to upgrade our internet connection and speed. The total for all of these purchases is \$52,390. The board voted unanimously to spend the funds on a motion and second from Ms. Heard and Mr. Mokler.

Committee reports:

- 1.Friends of the Library Ms. Bogue reported that the summer book sale raised approximately \$3,900. Friends allocated \$18,000 to the Wish List, those funds coming from the \$21,000 raised in the spring book sale. Family Fun Day is August 5 from 10-1.
- 2.. Public Relations no report though a packet of recent PR enclosed.
- 3. Winterville –Ms. Heard reported that the library in Winterville has increased their patron use this quarter and provided a graph as proof largely due to Saturday hours. 89 children have signed up for Vacation Reading Club

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4. Endowment – there is a report in the packet. The Committee will meet this week to begin the next part of the campaign.

<u>Director's Report</u> – Mrs. Ames had a written report but began by mentioning the internet filtering problems that WSB TV had reported on in the last two days. She strongly felt the police officers here make a difference in the actions of patrons who might abuse their internet use privileges. Mrs. Ames was elected to the Regents Advisory Committee representing large multi-county systems. The design development phase of the building program must be complete by the end of this year in order to meet the requirements for a state grant. The Building Committee will be busy soon. Anyone is welcome to join this committee.

<u>Communications and Correspondence</u> received since the last board meeting were shared with board members.

Unfinished Business.

This was taken care of earlier in the meeting.

New Business

The Policy Committee's recommendation for ARLS Staff Computer Use was unanimously approved.

The Nominating Committee was named: Mr. Prokasy, Chair; Mr. Mokler and Ms. Dunn. They will present a slate of new Athens-Clarke County Library Board officers in October.

The transition to Evergreen will be well publicized.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 on a motion from Mr. Bentley and Ms Bogue.

Kathryn S Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA July 11, 2006

Call to order.

*Minutes of April 11, 2006 meeting

*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

SPLOST Manager: Don Martin

Staff Report: Pam Blake and Greg Deal-SPLOST Equipment Needs

Committee Reports.

1. Friends of the Library

2. Public Relations - see packet

3.Winterville

4. Endowment

Director's Report.

Communications and Correspondence.

Unfinished Business.

Adopt 2007 Budget/contract

New Business.

Finance Committee SPLOST recommendations Policy on Internet Use Nominating Committee

Other business.

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Evergreen Debut: September 5, 2006 All Libraries will be closed September 2-4 for Evergreen upgrade and Labor Day

Board Meeting Dates for 2006 October 10, 2006

FY2006 Athens-Clarke County Library July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

	FY2006	Amount		% of Budget
Revenue:	Amount	Received	Balance	Received
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,440,428.00	1,440,428.00	-	100.00%
City of Winterville	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	100.00%
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	58,282.85	11,717.15	83.26%
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	14,751.09	248.91	98.34%
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	2,000.00	(50.00)	102.56%
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	857.51	142.49	85.75%
Winterville Copy	125.00	220.61	(95.61)	176.49%
Bellsouth Erate	-	9,867.38	(9,867.38)	
Interest	6,000.00	1,159.42	4,840.58	19.32%
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,539,566.86	6,936.14	99.55%

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
Expenditures:	Amount	Expended	Balance	Expended
Outreach	44,000.00	44,000.00	-	100.00%
Wages/Benefits	1,302,932.00	1,240,295.09	62,636.91	95.19%
Solinet	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	0.00%
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	6,500.00	-	100.00%
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	11,169.48	(3,169.48)	139.62%
Telephone	14,000.00	9,463.22	4,536.78	67.59%
Postage	6,500.00	3,456.07	3,043.93	53.17%
Travel	2,500.00	2,779.10	(279.10)	111.16%
Advertising	7,000.00	4,747.87	2,252.13	67.83%
Insurance	5,000.00	8,069.00	(3,069.00)	161.38%
Supplies	29,171.00	31,012.44	(1,841.44)	106.31%
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	2,998:47	701.53	81.04%
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	1,664.14	3,335.86	33.28%
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	559.00	941.00	37.27%
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	6,900.00	2,100.00	76.67%
Electricity	85,000.00	78,703.52	6,296.48	92.59%
Gas Heat	8,000.00	13,733.16	(5,733.16)	171.66%
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	4,827.18	2,672.82	64.36%
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,470,877.74	75,625.26	95.11%

Revenue over (under) expenditures

68,689.12

	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
SPLOST:				
Athens*	127,687.52	94,954.62	32,732.90	74.36%
Winterville	1,500.00	665.21	834.79	44.35%
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	1,103.29	396.71	73.55%
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	1,311.72	188.28	87.45%
TOTALS	132,187.52	98,034.84	34,152.68	74.16%
*Includes \$2,187.52 from FY2005 funding	g			
Fund Equity ("Reserve")				
Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/05	272,551.00			
Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:				
Vacation Liability	(130,916.51)			
One Months Operating Expense	(128,708.58)			
	12,925.91			
Other Entrepreneurial Activities				
	Passport Profit and Lo	ss Statement FY2006		
Balance in Passport 07/01/05	15,853.15			
Revenues				
07/01/05 - 06/30/06	25,928.25			
Total Revenues	25,928.25			
Expenditures				
Verizon pagers	. 26.34			
Printing - Office Max	112.56			
Postage through 06/30/06	84.69			
Total Expenditures	138.90			
Net Profit Current Year	25,789.35			
Total Balance in Passport Fund	41,642.50			



May 19, 2006

Ms. Kathryn Ames, Director Athens Regional Library 2025 Baxter Street Athens, GA 30606

RE: FY07 Mayor's Recommended Funding Level - \$1,556,584

Dear Kathryn:

The FY07 Mayor's Budget recommends funding of \$1,556,584 for the Athens Regional Library. This Budget includes an increase of \$116,156 for the following: \$36,059 for a 2% salary increase for all locally funded employees; \$907 for a \$0.10 increase for student workers; \$19,670 for employer's cost of health benefits for locally funded positions; \$4,325 for increases in utilities and postage; \$29,841 for increase to entry level of 6 locally funded part-time positions to similar ACC pay level; \$10,354 increase hourly pay for security from \$20/hr. to \$25/hr.; and a \$15,000 for library materials.

The Finance Department is in the process of updating the annual contract between Athens-Clarke County and funded Independent Agencies. To expedite the July payments, we will forward a contract to you within the next two weeks for review and signature prior to FY07 Budget adoption.

Please contact me if we can provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

John S. Culpepper, III

Finance Director

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copy: Chris Caldwell, Budget Administrator

FY07 Recommended Funding Letter



Endowment Fund, Inc. Progress Report July 11, 2006

Financial Status

♦ The Endowment Fund's current total is \$594,328.73

Board News

- ♦ Dave and Devereux Burch, Evelyn Riley, Cissy Hutchinson and Carol Kurtz are the newest additions to the Endowment Board. We are very pleased to have their support.
- ♦ All of the information from the last campaign has been entered into a new fundraising software program so we should be able to track donors more efficiently and effectively. We have also been working on an extensive mailing list for solicitations and special events.

Campaign

♦ The \$300,000 campaign will be starting very soon! The case for support is complete and the board is meeting this week to prepare for initial donor solicitations.

Special Event

♦ The Endowment Board is sponsoring an event to honor Frances and Upshaw Bentley on Thursday, September 14 at The Classic Center. Please mark your calendars. The event planning is in full swing. Let us know if you would like to serve on the event committee.

Ideas/Suggestions

♦ Ideas for a fundraiser? Suggestions for potential donors? Let us know! Call Stacey Overstreet at 706-613-3650, ext 336.

Athens-Clarke County Libraries Director's Report July 11, 2006

Last night and again this evening, WSB Television is presenting a story about "lewd acts and pornography" in the metro public libraries. The reporters talked about some deviant behaviors as reported in Incident Reports at the various library locations around Atlanta. Because a public place such as a library is open to everyone, we do have some situations from time to time. However, I believe that staff training, the police presence, and prompt action keep our library users safer than normal. We also have implemented strict filtering and age limitations on all of our computers.

I want to stress that public libraries are a wonderful place for families and young people. Our staff members provide a welcoming and safe environment despite the occasional problems that any public agency must encounter. We do encourage parents to accompany their children to the Library, to provide supervision and guidance for them, and to make it a family experience. Library staff do not have the time to supervise unattended children. Ultimately, staff are there to provide library service!

I personally want to thank the Athens-Clarke County Commissioners for approving the budget that made it possible to retain our police officers by increasing their hourly rate of pay. Their presence does make a difference.

The House Study Committee on Public Library Funding was established by Representative Chuck Sims following the arrest and conviction of two library directors from South Georgia in his area of the State. This Study Committee has been looking at a variety of issues facing public libraries including grants to libraries, funding and equalization issues, and other perceived problems.

In conjunction with the Study Committee and on-going work on library policies and issues, I was elected by the large multi-county library systems to represent them on a new statewide committee. The Committee, the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee [RPLAC], has several directors, 2 representatives from the State Library, and 2 members from the Board of Regents [Doreen Poitevint and Felton Jenkins]. We have 3 sub-committees that are looking at legal and policy issues, funding, and the future. I am serving as co-chair of the funding committee looking at the grants libraries receive, the problems with New Directions grants, and the need for regional system incentives. This last is particularly important because in recent years, the grants to library systems have favored single county libraries making it more appealing to break off from regions. I continue to be convinced that working together is far more efficient than having 5 counties duplicating services and working separately. And I think this is an opportunity to change the way libraries are funded for the better!

I testified before the House Committee on June 29 to discuss this very point. I noted that if there are no incentives, there will soon be 159 single county libraries. And while this might actually benefit Clarke and Oconee Counties, it will be disastrous for our smaller, less well funded counties. Rep. Sims assured me that it was not his intention to see this happen and that he felt regions were the way to go. He also stated that trustee training and more specific oversight was needed. There is one more meeting of his Study

Committee authorized; I believe that he will seek a continuation into the next term. The RPLAC Committee will continue to work on the 3 issues noted above.

This Committee has taken a lot of my time! We have met at least twice monthly as a group and additionally with the House group. However, I believe that regional systems must fight for more support and funding and this is essential work. We are fortunate in that the two Regents are very supportive of regional libraries.

In Athens, we are currently working on updating our Strategic Plan. Every team has met to discuss the goals and objectives for the next 3 years. Because there will be major changes as we move into the expanded facility including centralized computer services on each floor, more and functional meeting spaces, and more shelving for the collection, we decided to limit the plan to things we could accomplish with what we currently have and services available. This does not mean we are settling for the status quo, however! You will be receiving a draft of this plan well before the next meeting and we will welcome your input. We will be using the same structure, same general roles of service, but the objectives will push the envelope forward.

Winterville continues to see increased use of the Saturday hours. Summer programs are going well with good attendance. Young Adult programs have been very successful—this is a new endeavor this year as the library is working hard to attract young adults. Both Kisha Wright and Dorothy Harrison are offering story times weekly at East Athens and Lay Park. They normally have about 40 children per program with larger groups for special events. The cooperation with Leisure Services continues to be phenomenal! The children really appreciate the programs. Kisha attended parent orientation during the registration for summer camp and got 12 new library card applications. One of the featured authors was Bettye Stroud, one of our former board members. They are also offering tutoring assistance to 19 children.

FOGL – Friends of Georgia Libraries – has been actively planning for a fall workshop which will be led by Sally Reed who is President of the Friends of the Library, USA. Sally will be in Decatur on Friday, November 17 from 10-3 to talk about advocacy and working on that Buck for Books campaign. You will enjoy the program!

Pinewoods – Miguel and I will be speaking to the Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group [BIG] about collaboration on July 28 as a part of the annual conference. The partnerships from this project just continue to grow! Working with the new public health program at UGA, we sponsored several health education programs in Spanish. All of the programs were well attended, but the best public turn out was for programs on taking the baby to the doctor and getting children ready for school. They also enjoyed a session on discipline. Paul Duncan organized volunteers to plant a native Mexican perennial garden in front of the facility. And Miguel attended the annual College of Education retreat for Latino Education. I was recently contacted by Indiana University researchers who want to use our project as a case study for the Fundraising School. If only they would find the next twist we could use to build a new grant application!

This quarter we lost our Oconee County Librarian. To fill the void between losing Debbie Thrasher and hiring a replacement, I sent Clare Auwarter to Oconee County with the hope she does not ask to stay! We hope to have a new branch manager in place very soon with interviews taking place in the coming weeks. In the meantime, the Information Team has been very diligent about filling in the gaps in scheduling.

Several staff members continue to participate with the various committees of the Partnership for Prosperous Athens Project. Much of the preliminary work has been completed and the groups are finally getting down to what the community needs from organizations. This has been very helpful as we prepare for the library's future. I've met with several of the chairs of this initiative. We have offered the library as a meeting space and have talked about the lifelong learning aspects that the library can serve. We've also looked at job training and job search needs. As we work towards the expanded building project, there must be space for training as well as a career center where people can search for jobs, develop resumes, and read about various careers. We will also provide testing software as well as skill building assistance.

From all reports, this summer's reading club participation has increased along with attendance at the special programs. A federal grant provided books for the summer program plus story time aides for the children. As always, the Friends of the Library have been very supportive by funding programs and activities for the children and young adults. You have the calendars of events for both groups and you'll see—they are busy!

Interestingly, circulation statistics seem to indicate fewer books checked out at the headquarters, but increases overall which may indicate people are discovering other outlets. I suspect some decreases are a direct result of decreased funding, but perhaps it is also an indication that we need to market our collections more effectively. Our door counts are up—more people are visiting the library; and computer use counts are also high. The library Plan focuses on making the library more user friendly, so we will implement some of the ideas in the coming year. The Annual Report will be completed and submitted to the State Library in August and statistics should reflect increased use throughout the system.

The Friends, as always, have been wonderful! They have agreed to purchase many of the items on our Wish List including more book trucks, baskets for browsers, and downloadable books! I've negotiated a one year pilot project with a company and we will soon be offering this service on a trial basis. Without the Friends help, this would not be possible. We are also focusing on Readers Advisory services this year and to that end, the Friends have purchased a one year subscription to a service called Bookletters which helps provide this service [I have read one book by Robert Ludlum – what do I read next?]. A staff committee is also developing exhibits for the region based on specific categories and genres of books. This seems to be generating interest.

Have a great rest of the summer!!!

Library Space Sq. Ft. Summary

LIBRARY DIVISION	Space	DIVISION
Space Name	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.
ADMINISTRATION		3,199
Administrative Assistant	221	
Assistant Library Director's Office	175	
Board Room	625	
Business Office	355	
Copy Room	119	
Endowment/Fundraising Office	165	
File Room	247	
Kitchenette	45	
Library Director's Office	237	
Library Director's Rest Room	N/A	
Personnel Office	161	
Public Relations Office	284	
Purchasing	149	
Reception & Waiting Area	209	
Secured Printer Room, Business Office	51	
Storage/Supply Room	156	
AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY		2,522
Audio Studio	78	
AV Collection & Seating	2,364	
AV Desk	80	
BROWSING		6,088
Browsing Collection & Seating	780	
Displays & Exhibits	400	
New Book Display	4,773	
Special Thematic Display of Materials	135	
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY		7,693
Children's AV Collection & Seating	722	
Children's Collection & Seating	1,746	
Children's Desk	318	
Children's Entrance (Interior)	N/A	
Children's Office	124	
Children's On-line Public Access Catalog (OPAC)	180	



A Libris DESIGN Building Program

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LIBRARY DIVISION	Space Sq. Ft.	DIVISION Sq. Ft.
Space Name		
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY		7,693
	294	
Children's Reference Collection & Seating	N/A	
Childrens Rest Rooms	495	
Children's Workroom	286	
Family Place Center	771	
Homework Center	1,974	
Juvenile Collection & Seating	136	
Parenting & Teachers' Collection & Seating	125	
Storage/Supply Room	414	
Story Hour Room	34	
Study/Tutoring Room A	74	
Study/Tutoring Room B	, ,	
CYPCHI ATION SERVICES		2,437
CIRCULATION SERVICES	114	
Assistant Circ Manager	156	
Book Return Room	134	
Circulation Manager	750	
Circulation Workroom	183	
Copy Center, First Floor	126	
Headquarters Librarian, Assistant Director	929	
Information Desk	N/A	
Public Sorting Area	45	
Security Desk	N/A	
Self-Check Out Bay	IVA	
COMPUTER OPERATIONS		4,575
	1,085	
Computer Center, First Floor	1,920	
Computer Center, Second Floor	N/A	
Computer Lab/Training Room	294	
Computer Operations Manager	354	
Computer Operations Workroom	450	
Computer Repair & Storage	472	
Computer/Telecommunications Room		
EXTENSION SERVICES		<u>720</u>
Extension Manager's Office	174	
Extension Work Area	546	
FICTION COLLECTION		9,605



LIBRARY DIVISION	Space	DIVISION
Space Name	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.
FICTION COLLECTION		9,605
Fiction Collection & Seating	9,405	
Large Print Collection & Seating	200	
GENERAL BUILDING SERVICES		2,384
Custodial Workroom	551	
Friends' Book Storage & Workroom	684	
General Library Storage Room	667	
Loading Dock	N/A	
Mail Room	191	
Mechanical Equipment Room	N/A	
Shipping & Receiving	291	
HERITAGE ROOM		5,444
Heritage Room	3,741	
Heritage Room Desk	74	
Heritage Room Librarian	164	
Heritage Workroom	329	
Storage/Supply Room	236	
Vault	900	
LIBRARY ENTRANCE		<u>972</u>
Inteenet Café/Vending	278	
Library Store & Gift Shop	517	
Library Store Storage Room	45	
Library Store/Volunteer Coordinator's Office	132	
Public Entrance & Lobby	N/A	
Public Rest Rooms	N/A	
NON-FICTION COLLECTION		5,978
Non-Fiction Collection & Seating	5,978	
PERIODICALS COLLECTION		2,109
Current Magazine & Newspaper Display & Seating	2,109	
PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS		7,377
Art Gallery	N/A	
Auditorium, 225 fixed seats	2,590	
AV, Chair & Table Storage Room	257	



LIBRARY DIVISION	Space Sq. Ft.	DIVISION Sq. Ft.
Space Name		
PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS		7,377
	126	
Green Room	226	
Kitchenette	354	
Meeting Room A, 25 seats	484	
Meeting Room B, 40 seats	2,305	
Multipurpose Room, 150 seat	30	
Projection Room	450	
Reception Area	400	
Stage	155	
Video Conferencing Room	133	
REFERENCE SERVICES		4,972
	229	
Conference Room	193	
Copy Center	N/A	
Custodial Sink & Supply Closet	313	
On-line Public Access Catalog (OPAC)	N/A	
Public Rest Rooms	1,579	
Reference Collection & Seating	503	
Reference Desk	169	
Reference Office	959	
Reference Workroom	179	
Study/Tutoring Room A	179	
Study/Tutoring Room B	669	
Training Room, Second Floor	009	
SPANISH LANGUAGE COLLECTION		<u>226</u>
Spanish Language Collection & Seating	226	
SPECIAL NEEDS CENTER		<u>729</u>
	158	
Special Needs Center Service Area	571	
Special Needs Center Workarea		
STAFF SERVICES		<u>3,864</u>
Custodial Sink & Supply Closet	N/A	
Kitchenette	3,171	
Staff Entrance & Lobby	N/A	
Staff Lounge	693	
Staff Rest Rooms	N/A	



LIBRARY DIVISION	Space	DIVISIO
Space Name	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.
TECHNICAL SERVICES		<u>970</u>
Acquisitions Office	174	
Cataloger's Office	170	
Collection Development Office	154	
Processing Area	390	
ZZ GENERIC STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM	82	
YOUNG ADULT SERVICES		2,027
Study/Tutoring Room A	179	
Study/Tutoring Room B	120	
Young Adult Collection & Seating	1,574	
Young Adult Office	154	
Net Assignable Square	Footage:	73,891
Non-Assignable Square Footage (@ 18	8% of Gross):	16,220
Gross Square F	ootage:	90,111

Athens-Clarke County Budget Proposal FY 2007

	FY2006	FY2007	
Revenue:	Amount	Amount	Difference
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,440,428.00	1,556,584.00	116,156.00
City of Winterville	10,000.00	10,000.00	
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	70,000.00	
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	15,000.00	
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	1,950.00	
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Winterville Copy	125.00	125.00	
Interest	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Totals	1,544,503.00	1,660,659.00	
	Budget	Budget	
Expenditures:	Amount	Amount	
Outreach	44,000.00	44,000.00	
Wages/Benefits	1,300,932.00	1,397,763.00	96,831.00
Solinet	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Telephone	14,000.00	14,000.00	
Postage	6,500.00	6,825.00	325.00
Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Advertising	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Supplies	29,171.00	29,171.00	
Materials		15,000.00	15,000.00
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	3,700.00	
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Electricity	85,000.00	85,000.00	
Gas Heat	8,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	7,500.00	
Totals	1,544,503.00	1,660,659.00	116,156.00
Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	-	
State Grants:			
Personnel	628,543.00	628,543.00	
Materials	71,285.00	72,902.00	
System Services Grant one time grant	29,732.56		
System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	78,090.00	
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	142,159.00	
	949,197.56	921,694.00	
SPLOST:			
Athens*	127,687.00	125,500.00	
Winterville	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	
TOTALS	132,187.00	130,000.00	
Total State Grants & SPLOST	2,625,887.56	2,712,353.00	
*Includes \$2 197.52 from EV2005 funding			

*Includes \$2,187.52 from FY2005 funding

INDEPENDENT AGENCY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual benefits received, the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (hereinafter called the "Unified Government") and the Athens-Clarke County Library hereby enter into a contractual agreement as follows:

I. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY:

A. Base services: Serve as a resource center to the community by: providing library materials which satisfy informational needs; promoting the creative use of leisure time; providing access to the Internet System; providing programs in the Learning Center, the Youth Services area, the Heritage Room, the Talking Book Center, and the Adult Services Office; providing new materials to library users; and increasing the number of Library users and circulation of materials.

By signing this contract, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Athens-Clarke County Library agree that the Base Services provision provided for under this contract is the only part subject to Rule 160-6-2-01 of the Requirements for Public Library State Aid Grant Funds.

B. Supplemental services: Funding for FY07 includes a total of \$116,156: \$36,059 for a 2% increase for locally funded employees; \$907 for a \$0.10/hr. increase for student workers; \$19,670 for the employees cost of health insurance for locally funded positions; \$4,325 for increases in utilities and postage; \$29,841 to increase the entry level for six locally funded parttime positions; \$10,354 for an increase in the hourly pay for security personnel (\$20/hr. to \$25/hr.); and \$15,000 for library materials.

By signing this contract, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Athens-Clarke County Library agree that the Supplemental Services provision of this contract falls outside of Rule 160-6-2-01 of The Requirements for Public Library State Aid Grant Funds.

II. PAYMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT:

- A. Base Payment: One million, four hundred forty thousand, four hundred and twenty-eight dollars \$1,440,428).
- B. Supplemental Services Payment: One hundred sixteen thousand one hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$116,156)

- to fund salaries exclusively for the library staff located at the Athens-Clarke County branch that are 100% funded by local government funds.
- C. Method of Payment: Payments will be made in monthly installments, beginning in July, 2006 for base and supplemental services described in Article I and II.

III. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

- A. The Athens-Clarke County Library shall keep accurate records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- B. The Athens-Clarke County Library shall maintain separate accounting for Unified Government funds so as to accurately reflect the source and uses of funds, revenues, expenditures, and a determination of the fund balance and balance of unencumbered/unexpended funds held at any and all times.
- C. The Athens-Clarke County Library shall have a defined fiscal year budget that reflects revisions, revenues, expenditures, and balance of unencumbered/unexpended funds held at all times.
- D. The Athens-Clarke County Library agrees to expend all Unified Government funds during FY07 but no later than July 31, 2007, and to report all unexpended Unified Government funds to the Athens-Clarke County Finance Department no later than August 31, 2007.
- E. The Athens-Clarke County Library shall have a comprehensive audit performed of all agency funds by a Certified Public Accountant or a state/federal government agency in compliance with generally accepted auditing standards. The cost of this audit shall be paid by the Athens-Clarke County Library. A copy of this audit report shall be sent to the Athens-Clarke County Finance Department immediately upon receipt from the State Auditor.

IV. RIGHT TO EXAMINE RECORDS:

A. Upon the request of the Unified Government's Finance Director, the Athens-Clarke County Library shall provide timely and appropriate access to an authorized agent of the Unified Government to review all accounting records and related documents to conduct audits and examine as appropriate during the year in which the service is provided, the closing out of business, and reserves the right to audit and examine up to three years after the close out of FY07.

V. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT:

A. The **Unified Government** reserves the right to evaluate the performance of services and outcomes proposed and delivered at any time during and for one year after the contract service period.

VI. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION:

A. The Athens-Clarke County Library agrees to indemnify the Unified Government, its assignees, officers, agents, and employees, and to hold each of them harmless against any and all claims, damages, losses, expenses, and liability resulting from, or relating to, any act or omission arising from the performance of this agreement.

VII. TERMINATION CLAUSE:

A. The Unified Government may terminate this agreement for fault upon 30 days' notice to said Athens-Clarke County Library. It shall be the sole discretion of the Unified Government as to whether fault may be cured by the Athens-Clarke County Library.

VIII.METHOD OF AMENDMENT:

A. This agreement may be amended/modified at any time by mutual consent of the governing bodies of the Parties hereto. Any modification hereto shall require 30 days' written notification and be signed by duly designated representatives of both Parties.

IX. OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS:

- A. The Athens-Clarke County Library shall comply with all applicable requirements of O.C.G.A. Sections 50-18-70 et seq., pertaining to the Inspection of Public Records.
- B. The Athens-Clarke County Library shall comply with all applicable agency requirements of O.C.G.A. Sections 50-14-1 et seq., pertaining to Open and Public Meetings and to all applicable agency requirements of the Code of Athens-Clarke County Section 1-6-1, concerning Procedures Governing Closed Meetings.

X. The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

DIRECTOR

HEIDI DAVISON

MAYOR

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

GLORIA J. SPRATLIN

(CORPORATE SEAL)

CLERK OF COMMISSION

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS TO FORM

ATHENS-CLARKE LIBRARY USER SURVEY - 331 reponses

Please complete this survey to help us better meet your needs and to plan for the future using the SPLOST funds which will expand and renovate the library beginning in 2008.

- 1. What is the **single** most important purpose for which you use the library?
- Information related to school, school assignments
- 30 Information related to job or career
- Information related to personal interests or needs(ex. healthcare, business info.) 49
- Get materials for leisure/recreational use(books, CDs, DVDs, etc.) 105
- 36 Programs and materials for my child(ex. storytimes)
- Programs and materials for adults(book groups, author talks, etc.) 18
- 65 Computer use for Internet, word processing, etc.
- Other...Please explain: films(2), book clubs (2), hold meetings, genealogy(3), 13 quiet place to study(4), special needs, tutors
- 2. Which of these services would you like to have? Please check all you would like.
- (49) More large and small meeting spaces
- (56) More multiple person study spaces (65) Place to watch TV news (83) More music and places to listen to it
- (160) Small café or vending area
- (82) Public terrace garden area
- (55) Homework help on-line
- (64) 24/7 reference service
- (62) Better access to historical records
- (84) More computers
- (5) Other technology(please specify)laptops available, wi-fi, more computers for children, MP3 downloads, convert all VHS to DVD and store original media for easy replacement
- 3. For each of the following collections or services, indicate whether you are satisfied, not satisfied, or do not use the collections.

	Satisfied	No satisfied	Do not use
Popular paperback collections	177	16	94
Adult fiction	198	23	75
Adult non-fiction	209	17	68
Children's fiction, easy or picture books	138	14	115
Children's non-fiction	127	10	129
Young Adult fiction/non-fiction	120	6	123
Magazines & Newspapers	148	_23	96
Adult DVDs or videos	119	45	97
Children's DVDs or videos	86	25	148
Music CDs(adult and children's)	109	40	126
Books on cassette (adult and children's)	115	21	134
Books on CD (adult and children's)	88	33	142

4. Would you prefer to get your books

29 on tape

238 printed

58 on CD

49 downloadable

5. For each of the following services indicate whether you are satisfied, not satisfied, or do no use the services.

Satisfied No satisfied Do not use

do no use the services.	Danshed	140 Satisfied	Do not use
Accessing the internet	_184_	_12	83_
Using software programs	_126_	_19	_134_
Accessing databases from library's website	_163_	_17	95
Accessing library's catalog from home/office	149_	_17	112
Reference by telephone	93	5	154
Materials renewal by telephone	_77_	6	127
Passport services (Athens-Clarke Library only)	_64	3	186
Registering to vote	_84_	2_	174
Computer classes/instruction	63	8	184

- 6. Which library or extension do you use most often?
- 178 Athens-Clarke County Library (Regional Headquarters)
- 12 Branch Resource Centers in Clarke County(East Athens, Lay Park, Lyndon House, ENSAT Center, Pinewoods, Winterville)
- 15 Branch in Franklin, Madison, Oconee, or Oglethorpe counties
- 4 Bookmobile
- ____ Special Needs Center of N.E. Georgia(talking books)
- 7. Which three of the following do you think would increase your satisfaction with the library or extension you use? Check your top **THREE** choices.

Delivery of books, etc. to the homebound	51
More books for adults	_124_
More books for teens	_64
More books for children	57
Audio books(including downloadable)	72
More music CDs	66
More DVDs (children and/or adult)	110
More hours(give hours desired)	95
More online reference/research databases	82
More computer classes/instruction	<u>67</u>
Other (please explain:	see attached note

8. If limited library funding forced reduction in library spending which of the following actions should be considered? PLEASE CHECK YOUR TOP THREE CHOICES.

Closer earlier	_67
Open later	<u>177</u>
Close on the least busy day of the week	146
Reduce computer databases and other online services	_34
Reduce programming for all ages	_47
Reduce or eliminate Vacation Reading Program	_52
Reduce number of books purchased	24
Reduce number of books on cassette & CD purchased	107
Reduce number of DVD's/videos purchased	127

Reduce maintenance of interior, buildings & grounds

53

7. Meetings for businesses/non-profit groups without charges

More fantasy books

New computer games for children

Longer check out period

Old magazines

Ability to borrow framed prints of famous paintings

Group study areas

More foreign language books

Spanish classes

Please make sure the wonderful employees of the library are taken care of. The employees of the libraries are very essential to a productive and enjoyable visit.

Different system search - don't like PINES

Stay open later on weekends

Need programs or story times for children 10 and 11 years old. Also, some internet material is too college level for this age.

Computers in the lab are slow. I think if we disk defragment the c:drive or compress files once a month, they'll be a lot faster.

More Christian and international music

As a foreign language teacher, I would encourage more material in German, French and Spanish.

Thank you for Saturday mornings.

Less noise(cell phones) in the library

Cooler temperatures inside ETC lab.

8. Close of least busy day of the week only if a must. Library must be fully funded for good of all parts of community.

Love the library, but the interior and bathrooms <u>really</u> need to be redone soon.

Make library available on the least busy day of the week and charge \$10.00 or collect

\$1 from each patron

Use grandparents so Vacation Reading Club wouldn't need to be eliminated Instead of reducing number of books purchase, sell Bags of Books for \$5.00

Instead of reducing the number of DVD's or videos purchase - buy good used ones.

Use volunteers to maintain the interior and the building and grounds.

Use prisoners to maintain building interior as well as building and grounds.

Reductions in library spending should not happen!

Need to clean bathrooms more often.

Maybe volunteer work days could help with maintenance of interior, building & grounds

Oh, I just hate to even think of any cuts. Closing on the least busy day of the week is as far as I am willing to go.

Printed books are most important!

Reduce staffing - you could buy lots of books with the salary savings

I could choose only one (closing on the least busy day of the week); everything else is very important!

Circulation Statistics FY2006

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	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	53,095	52,481	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491
August	46,296	47,218	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103
September	41,867	41,387	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997
October	43,436	43,845	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474
November	43,864	42,818	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990
December	36,543	34,062	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808
January	44,732	44,353	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	47,340
February	44,442	44,795	43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	47,215
March	47,647	47,750	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	48,100
April	43,149	44,551	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	43,983
May	39,685	43,412	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	47,019
June	55,027	56,060	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	59,460
TOTALS	539,783	542,732	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	575,980
In-House U	lse			496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	193,349

*PINES system down 18 hours

Athens - Materials Reshelved After Use

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July			1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553
August			2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	.537
September	r		2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210
October			2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728
November			1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962
December			1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,687
January		1,369	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	1,240
February		2,331	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	2,314
March		2,521	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	2,052
April		2,408	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	1,921
May		1,796	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	2,682
June		2,207	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	4,331
TOTALS		12,632	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	21,217

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

Winterville

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	784	961	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	1,116
August	541	773	857	909	1,026	1,103	1145	902
September	414	660	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714
October	432	681	578	738	990	990	963	921
November	376	629	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430
December	355	497	487	479	618	1,137	771	667
January	308	579	970	598	760	922	777	1,052
February	367	507	912	818	771	743	797	1073
March	495	641	929	818	927	1,096	817	1,152
April	429	370	613	676	706	807	636	811
May	442	512	753	1,139	1265	973	784	1,137
June	823	709	925	1,544	1018	1,407	1473	1,669
TOTALS	5,766	7,519	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	12,644
In-house Us	е				11,596	3,562	3640	2,743

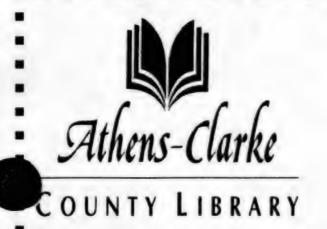
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	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	742	1,668	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157
August	826	1,346	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	
September	1,206	1,206		13	1,765	286		173
October	1,270	921	1,547	829	2,126		49	173
November	1,640	1,717	-832	1,487		2,174	323	1,616
December	1,057	. 1,083	715		1,530	219	217	1555
January	1,704	1,276		1,162	1,826	195	248	1261
February	,	,,	1,119	2,256	2,243	131	135	1,758
March	1,380	. 876	66	2,576	1,589	1,820	165	765
	2,042	1,074	1,747	1,335	950	1,858	331	1,002
April	1,220	1,234	1,282	1,456	1,826	143	227	810
May	942	757	935	1,075	1,558	292	293	543
June	1,871	2,457	1,589	559	194	377	. 244	479
TOTALS	15,900	15,615	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	10,292

	East Ather	s Resource	Center			Pinewoods	
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006		FY 2005	FY 2006
July		133	978	492	July	1 1 2000	440
August		80	454	478	August		977
September		234	34	265	September		341
October	33	917	1,124	518	October		303
November	9	426	218	849	November		1285
December	193	585	34	502	December		141
January	158	635	828	58	January		334
February	227	538	41	577	February		145
March	148	533	391	340	March	110	539
April	129	837	413	478	April	603	147
May	111	578	589	1222	May	744	117
June	52	777	580	1892	June	664	2743
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684	7671	TOTALS	2,121	7512
In-House Us	se 639	10,166	9,204	2,626	In-House Us		12,284

Lay	Park	Resource	Center
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	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July		137	3,549	686
August		73	990	398
September		382	543	257
October	4	381	644	1058
November	49	385	538	358
December	238	423	475	746
January	167	373	497	888
February	112	124	395	773
March	160	177	999	1004
April	127	139	533	1343
May	118	172	1,077	1222
June	44	3,894	1,066	2304
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	11037
In-House Us	se 999	13,988	6,396	6,656



Homeschool @ Your Public Library Wednesday, August 2 9:30am—2:30pm

Join Jackie Elsner, Children's Librarian, and Mary Jean Hartel, Young Adult Librarian, for a day-long guide to public library resources that support your homeschool curriculum.

Plan to leave your children with other caregivers to allow yourself a training day.

Pre-register in person at the Children's Desk or call 706-613-3650, ext. 314.



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Here are a few suggested authors and websites for your reading pleasure in keeping with our Summer 2006 theme of Fractured Fairy Tales. (Think *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*, by Jon Scieszka)

Fractured Fairy Tales

An exhaustive bibliography of picture books and fiction for children, teens and adults.

http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/fft.html

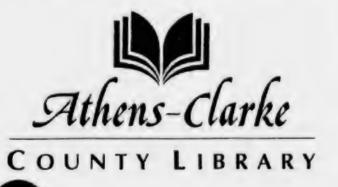
Anguish English

Take a look at "Ladle Rat Rotten Hut" in http://www.crockford.com/wrrrld/anguish.html

A Few Modern Fairy Tale Authors

Hans Christian Andersen

Roald Dahl Ellen Datlow Charles de Lint James Finn Garner Tanith Lee Gail Carson Levine Robin McKinley Donna Jo Napoli Jon Scieszka Terry Windling Jane Yolen



Young Adult Area (Teens 11 - 18)
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Summer Reading Furry Tails 2006 Programming Schedule

Map

May 18 through August 5

Saturday 20 7-9 pm Summer Reading Kick Off concert in the library auditorium featuring Bicycles & Gravel, Leo Ashline, Green Bean Go, and three groups of our very own YAs. Friday 26 5:30-10 pm Books & Bites Bring four books for uninterrupted reading, pizza, chairs, chips, and chocolate.

Thursday 4, 11, 18, 25 7-8 pm Family Chess Knight: join Bobby Jones for an hour of chess for players of all ages and skill levels. Parents of players 10 years of age and under are required to remain in the YA area.



June

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 6, 7, 8 3-4:30 pm **Henna hands workshop**: learn about and create the ancient art of henna in a three day seminar. *Pre-registration required.*

Thursday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7-8 pm **Family Chess Knight**

Wednesday 14 3-5 pm Creative writing workshop (for fairy tale contest entries): get help with your story, including a grammar and spelling check.

Wednesday 21 3-5 pm Comic workshop with Aaron Fu and Jason Matherly. Learn about comics as an art form. Create your own mini-comic. *Pre-registration required.* Friday 23 to Saturday 24 5:30 pm-8:30 am Books & Bites overnight for teens 13 and older! We'll have Books and Bites style reading time, a game of Wink, snacks, and a movie at the end of the night. *Pre-registration and parental consent form required by Wednesday the 21.*

Wednesday 28 3-5 pm Floss bracelets with Tegan Hoover. *Pre-registration required.*

July

Wednesday 5 3-5 pm Creative writing workshop
Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27 7-8 pm Family Chess Knight
Wednesday 12 3-5 pm Graphic novel workshop with
Ben Webster. Learn the process of creating graphic novels
through hands-on activities. *Pre-registration required.*
Wednesday July 19 3-5 pm Create a Pocket Shrine of
something you love with an Altoid tin. Supplies provided,
but you'll need your own idea. Limited to 15 participants.
Friday July 21 5:30-10 pm Books & Bites

August

Tuesday 1 Contest entries due. Saturday 5 Noon Reading club pizza party! If you bring your completed reading log to the YA desk by Friday August 4, you'll receive a copy of The Writer's Notebook funded by First American Bank and Trust as well as a t-shirt that is your invitation to the pizza party. The winner of the writing contest will be announced and awarded an iPod shuffle courtesy of HiFi Buys.



The Friends of the Library always support teen programming. Thank You!
Athens-Clarke County Library Young Adult Department
2025 Baxter Street Athens, GA 30606

706-613-3650 ext. 329

The Special Needs Library introduces...

Senior Cinema



A monthly movie event!



Join us in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am for a showing of a descriptive video.

Our first movie will be The King & I September 7 at 10:00am!



Live! at the Library with

THE ATHENS GUITAR TRIO

FEATURING DUSTY WOODRUFF, RYLAN SMITH, AND MATT ANDERSON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 3:00 P.M.

Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium



The Athens Guitar Trio is the newest guitar ensemble to come out of the University of Georgia. They have performed for such great artists as Christopher Parkening and William Bolcom, each time receiving much praise. AG3 will present one of their highly musical and technical performances with arrangements of masterpieces by J.S. Bach, Haydn, and Faure.



BROWN BAG LUNCH

ID Theft and Consumer Fraud

with Pamela Meyer of the Better Business Bureau of Athens and Northeast Georgia





Tuesday, July 25 at 12:15 p.m. at the Athens-Clarke County Library

Learn consumer tips and how to protect yourself from current business scams! This program is free and open to the public and will be held in the library's Small Conference Room. Feel free to bring a lunch to this 45-minute program.

iFilms

International and Independent Film Series at the Athens-Clarke County Library

~ Free and open to the public ~



Thursday, July 6 at 7 p.m. - The Children of Chabannes

a film by Lisa Gossels and Dean Wetherell, 93 minutes

The Children of Chabannes, a magical World War II documentary, reveals the untold story of how the people in a tiny village in unoccupied France chose action over indifference to save the lives of 400 Jewish refugee children. Returning to the forgotten corner of France with her father and uncle (two of the saved children), filmmaker Lisa Gossels and codirector Dean Wetherell recreate the joys and fears of daily life in Chabannes during the war through accounts from the educators, townspeople and from the children themselves. A celebration of human kindness, The Children of Chabannes documents the remarkable efforts made by the citizens of Chabannes, who risked their lives to protect these children, simply because they felt it was the right thing to do.

"A moving record of the unassuming, uncompromising heroism of ordinary people." - A.O. Scott, The New York Times

Emmy Award: Outstanding Historical Programming Winner

Thursday, July 13 at 7 p.m. - Hawaii, Oslo

a film by Erik Poppe, 124 minutes, Norway

Five stories about love are interwoven in Oslo, during the hottest day of the year. Frode and Milla have their first child. Two young boys search for their mother. Leon hopes to keep a 10-year-old date with his teenage sweetheart. Leon's brother gets a weekend leave from prison on his birthday. Everyone is running from something, searching for something, or dreaming of something on this destined day.



Seattle International Film Festival - Official Selection. San Francisco International Film Festival - Official Selection

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Over the course of a ten-day visit to Uganda. Abbas Kiarostami (*Taste of Cherry* and *The Wind Will Carry Us*) uses his camera to capture the faces of a thousand orphans. Although a documentary about the ravages of AIDS and civil war in Uganda may seem at first like a radical departure, one of the most remarkable things about *ABC Africa* is the way that Iran's most celebrated filmmaker makes the unlikely material very much his own. An

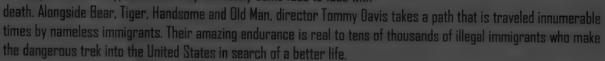
impressionistic, deceptively simple record of a journey becomes the film itself. Alternately heartbreaking and optimistic, ABC Africa records a people struggling to survive. Filled with laughter and music, and pulsing with life, Kiarostami's vision attests to Africa's sunny spirit in the face of so much adversity

"Brimming with vital visual imagery and suffused with an exhibarating spirit of courage and endurance..." - Ann Hornaday, Washington Post

Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. - Majados

a film by Tommy Davis, 70 Minutes

In Majadas: Through the Night, filmmaker Tommy Davis tags along with four men from Mexico as they leave their families and embark upon a 120 mile journey across the Texas desert. Evading the US Border Patrol and fighting off dehydration and hypothermia, they ultimately come face to face with



"Riveting front-line journalism." - The Onion

Arizona International Film Festival, Best Documentary



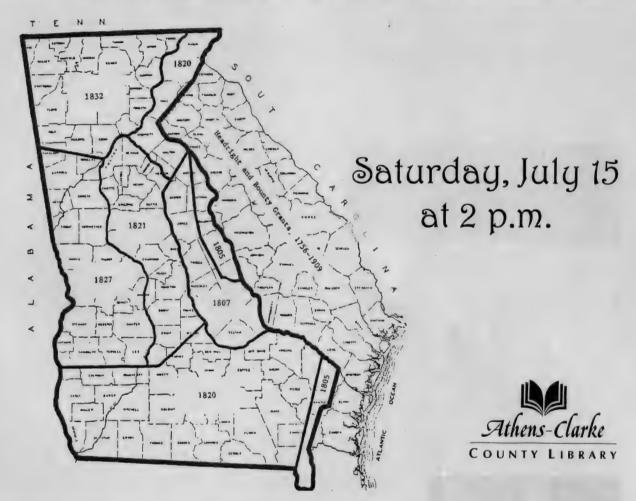
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The ifilms series is intended for mature audiences
and parents may find it unsuitable for children.



Clarke Oconee Genealogical Society presents...

Understanding Georgia's Land Lotteries

In the Athens-Clarke County Library's Auditorium



eorgia's land lotteries from 1805 through 1833 are unique events in American history. Paul K. Graham, Publicity Chairman of the Georgia Genealogical Society, will help us develop a better understanding of the motivations for holding land lotteries and the processes used to carry them out. Learn about land lottery history and its impact on the participants, on county formation in Georgia, and on modern genealogical research. Sponsored by the Clarke Oconee Genealogical Society and the Athens-Clarke County Library's Heritage Room. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments and social time to follow.

Minutes Athens Regional Library Board July 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Prokasy at 3:47 in Oglethorpe County. Present were Ms. Gothard, Mr. Mathis, and Mr. Miller (Franklin County); Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Jones (Oglethorpe County); Ms. Luke, and Ms. Stratton (Oconee County); Ms. Dunn, Ms. Lane, and Mr. Timmons(late arriving) (Athens-Clarke County). No members from Madison County were present. Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Ingram were excused. Ms. Coutant and Mrs. Murray were absent. Staff present were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds, Ms. Burroughs and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes. Julie Walker from the GPLS Office in Atlanta was also present.

The minutes of April, 2006 board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Mathis and Mr. Shapiro.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Ms. Lane and Mr. Jones. There were no members of the public present.

The final FY06 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. The one time systems services grant of \$29,732.56 was used to buy a new cargo van to replace the bookmobile. Board members were invited to the parking lot after the meeting to look it over. Expenditures and Revenues were within acceptable percentages of the budget and no amendment was necessary.

A staff report was given by Branch Manager, Jan Burroughs who presented a short history of the Oglethorpe Library and some of the interesting events that have happened there.

Julie Walker, PINES Program Manager, gave a condensed demonstration of the new Evergreen software which will debut on September 5 in all 252 associated PINES libraries. Training is now underway for library staff across Georgia.

Regional Reports

Franklin County: Mr. Mathis welcomed Wayne Miller back to both the local Franklin County board and the Regional Board. He reported that presentations to both the County and the Board of Education had been made and they were given increases in funding including raises for staff.

Oglethorpe County: Mr. Shapiro stated that budget increases never crosses his county commissioner's lips. There haven't been salary increases for staff in three years. He said that it might even be necessary to go into the reserve to make it through this year. Closing one day a week has even been discussed. Mary Beth Harris is the new Friends of the Library chair. They supplied the wonderful food and drink for the reception prior to the meeting.

Madison County: No one from Madison County was present.

Athens-Clarke County: Mrs. Lane noted that the FY07 budget had been adopted. SPLOST representative had spoken to the board and architect and some drawings will be done by year end. The board voted to spend some equipment money from this year's SPLOST on the purchase of a new phone system and some printer needs. The Endowment celebration for Upshaw and Frances Bentley will be September 14. Family Fun Day will be in August.

Oconee County: Ms. Stratton reported that Debbie Thrasher, Branch Manager for 8 years, moved away at the end of May. Clare Auwarter, from Athens, is there temporarily. The Vacation Reading Club is very busy with both adult and children. In Bogart they had a Fairy Tea Party and 24 Tinkerbells came. The board will be working hard to interview and select the right candidate to replace Ms. Thrasher. Another long-time employee, Phyllis Brooks, is retiring.

age Two Athens Regional Library Board July 20, 2006

Director's Report

The Director's written report was noted. Mrs. Ames directed board members to the interesting research study by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on public attitudes about libraries. One of the main points of this research is that we need to do a better job of explaining what libraries really need. To that end, the Friends of Georgia Libraries will sponsor a workshop on advocacy for your library on November 17 in Decatur, GA. All members were urged to attend. Special Needs Center outreach efforts were noted even though circulation is down.

Old Business

- 1. The Committee which worked on the purchase of the new cargo van will work on the disposition of the Bookmobile.
- 2. Ms. Simonds explained the findings in the FY 2004 audit. Separation of duties and the need for additional staff would take away several findings. GASB34 required our capital assessments. We've taken steps to correct the values for this. The inventory of the Library Store was not observed by an auditor though we were told it wasn't necessary. There is some question if an LSTA Grant to purchase Spanish materials was used totally for those types of materials.
- 3. Personnel Committee Mrs. Stratton reported that the Committee had forwarded the evaluation questionaires to the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Prokasy announced the Executive Committee would meet following the meeting to finish work on the director's evaluation.

New Business

- 1. The FY07 Regional Budgets, including the System Services Grant, Special Needs Center Grant and Materials grant were unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Mathis.
- 2. The Substance Abuse Policy was unanimously amended after discussion on a motion from Mr. Miller and Mrs. Stratton.
- 3. The Capital Assets Policy was unanimously amended on a motion and second from Mr. Jones and Mr. Timmons.
- 4. The Mandatory conversion of a state paid position was unanimously approved on a motion and second by Mr. Timmons and Mr. Shapiro. The board wanted the minutes to reflect that the converted position had the least amount of seniority on the staff.
- 5. The Policy on Staff Internet Use was unanimously approved after discussion on a motion and second from Ms. Lane and Mr. Shapiro. Each employee will be asked to sign this as standard operating procedure and future employees will find a copy to sign in their employment package.
- 6. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Madison County Library construction project was unanimously approved on a motion and second from Mr. Timmons and Mr. Jones. Mrs. Ames noted that the Madison County Board had approved this as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 and board members enjoyed the hospitality and food provided by the Oglethorpe County Friends of the Library.

Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY AGENDA July 20, 2006

Call to order.

Review and approve minutes of April 20, 2006

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report: Jan Burroughs, Branch Manager, Oglethorpe Library

Demonstration of new Evergreen system: Julie Walker, PINES Program Director

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

1. Bookmobile

a. Replacement

b. Disposal

2. Audit Report - FY2004

3. Report from Personnel Committee

New Business.

1. Approve Regional Budgets

- 2. Amend Substance Abuse Policy
- 3. Amend Capital Assets Policy
- 4. Approve Regional FY2007 Budget
 5. Approve Mandatory Conversion of state-funded position
- 6. Policy on Staff Internet Use
- 7. Memorandum of Understanding Madison County Project

Other Business.

Adjourn.

Announcements:

Evergreen Debut: September 5, 2006

All libraries closed September 2-4 for Evergreen upgrade and Labor Day

Future Board Meetings this year: October 19, 2006

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Revenue:	Budget Amount	Amount Received	Balance	% of Budget Received
Regional:	241104111	210001100	<u>Duitance</u>	110001100
Outreach	101,540.00	101,540.00	_	100.00%
Interest	4,000.00	3,715.26	284.74	92.88%
Personnel	628,543.00	628,543.00		100.00%
Materials	72,285.00	72,285.00	-	100.00%
System Services One Time Grant		29,732.56	(29,732.56)	
System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	77,748.00		100.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	141,889.00	_	100.00%
Totals	1,026,005.00	1,055,452.82	(29,447.82)	102.87%
Athens-Clarke County:				
Board of Commissioners	1,440,428.00	1,440,428.00	_	100.00%
City of Winterville	12,000.00	12,000.00	_	100.00%
Fines and Fees	88,075.00	76,112.06	11,962.94	86.42%
Bellsouth E-Rate		9,867.38	(9,867.38)	
Interest	6,000.00	1,159.42	4,840.58	19.32%
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,539,566.86	6,936.14	99.55%
Franklin County:				
Board of Commissioners	24,000.00	24,000.00	_	100.00%
Board of Education	24,000.00	27,000.00	(3,000.00)	112.50%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon	-		-	
Carnesville & Franklin Springs	30,351.00	26,750.00	3,601.00	88.14%
Transfer from Reserve	5,441.00	1,085.06	4,355.94	
Bellsouth E-rate		378.67	(378.67)	
Fines and Fees	5,000.00	5,673.81	(673.81)	113.48%
Totals	88,792.00	84,887.54	3,904.46	<u>95.60</u> %
Madison County:				
Board of Commissioners	154,929.00	154,929.00	-	100.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	11,000.00	8,812.16	2,187.84	80.11%
Totals	165,929.00	163,741.16	2,187.84	98.68%

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Revenue:	Budget Amount	Amount Received	<u>Balance</u>	% of Budget Received
Oconee County:				
Board of Commissioners	287,083.00	287,083.00	-	100.00%
Board of Education	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Watkinsville	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Bogart	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	100.00%
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	24,660.53	839.47	96.71%
Carry over from FY05	2,636.00	_	2,636.00	0.00%
Totals	359,219.00	355,743.53	3,475.47	99.03%
Oglethorpe County:				
Board of Commissioners	46,500.00	46,500.00	-	100.00%
Board of Education	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	100.00%
City of Maxeys	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
City of Crawford	500.00	500.00	-	100.00%
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	100.00	-	100.00%
Ctiy of Lexington	500.00	500.00	-	100.00%
Fines and Fees	8,500.00	7,241.16	1,258.84	85.19%
Meeting Room	300.00	295.00	5.00	98.33%
Pines Postage Reimbursement	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%
Transfer from Reserve	4,754.00	2,313.36	2,440.64	48.66%
Totals	76,554.00	72,449.52	4,104.48	94.64%
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GRAND TOTALS	3,263,002.00	3,271,841.43	(8,839.43)	100.27%

Athens Regional Library FY2006 July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Expenditures:	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget <u>Expended</u>
Regional:				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,684.00	6,715.39	1,968.61	77.33%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	5,910.00	7,689.92	(1,779.92)	130.12%
Solinet Fees	900.00	37.17	862.83	4.13%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	2,332.36	1,667.64	58.31%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	1,466.89	33.11	97.79%
Debt Collection Service	16,000.00	13,710.62	2,289.38	85.69%
Workers Compensation	12,114.00	11,620.12	493.88	95.92%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	-	1,070.24	(1,070.24)	
Mobile Telephone (Bookmobile)	300.00	-	300.00	0.00%
Postage	7,000.00	6,026.24	973.76	86.09%
Travel	4,500.00	5,393.08	(893.08)	119.85%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	1,284.26	715.74	64.21%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	1,784.00	216.00	89.20%
Computer Maintenance	2,575.00	-	2,575.00	0.00%
Insurance	16,057.00	16,057.00	-	100.00%
Supplies	22,000.00	20,999.09	1,000.91	95.45%
Personnel	628,543.00	628,543.00	-	100.00%
Materials	72,285.00	72,285.00	-	100.00%
System Services One Time Grant		29,732.56	(29,732.56)	
System Services Grant (includes travel)	77,748.00	77,748.00		100.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	141,889.00	141,889.00	_	100.00%
Totals	1,026,005.00	1,046,383.94	(20,378.94)	101.99%
Athens-Clarke County:	44,000,00	44 000 00		100 000/
Outreach	44,000.00	44,000.00	(2) (2) (2)	100.00%
Personnel	1,302,932.00	1,240,295.09	62,636.91	95.19%
Operating Expenses	199,571.00	186,582.65	12,988.35	93.49%
Totals	1,546,503.00	1,470,877.74	75,625.26	95.11%

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Expenditures:	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
Franklin County:				
Outreach	14,640.00	14,640.00	-	100.00%
Personnel	66,449.00	64,978.67	1,470.33	97.79%
Operating Expenses	7,703.00	5,268.87	2,434.13	<u>68.40%</u>
Totals	88,792.00	84,887.54	3,904.46	<u>95.60</u> %
Madison County:				
Outreach	14,900.00	14,900.00	·	100.00%
Personnel	118,580.00	121,272.10	(2,692.10)	102.27%
Operating Expenses	32,449.00	26,158.67	6,290.33	80.61%
Totals	165,929.00	162,330.77	3,598.23	97.83%
Oconee County:				
Outreach	19,000.00	19,000.00	-	100.00%
Personnel	321,799.00	308,321.07	13,477.93	95.81%
Operating Expenses	18,420.00	23,616.13	(5,196.13)	128.21%
Totals	359,219.00	350,937.20	8,281.80	<u>97.69</u> %
Oglethorpe County:				
Outreach	9,000.00	9,000.00		100.00%
Personnel	57,228.00	54,589.18	2,638.82	95.39%
Operating Expenses	10,326.00	8,860.34	1,465.66	85.81%
Totals	76,554.00	72,449.52	4,104.48	94.64%
GRAND TOTALS	3,263,002.00	3,187,866.71	75,135.29	97.70%

Athens Regional Library System Director's Report July 20, 2006

Last week, WSB Television offered a 2-night report "lewd acts and pornography" in the metro public libraries. The reporters talked about some deviant behaviors as reported in Incident Reports at the various library locations around Atlanta. Because a public place such as a library is open to everyone, we do have some situations from time to time. However, I believe that staff training and prompt action keep our library users safer than normal. We also have implemented strict filtering and age limitations on all of our computers.

I want to stress that public libraries are a wonderful place for families and young people. Our staff members provide a welcoming and safe environment despite the occasional problems that any public agency must encounter. We do encourage parents to accompany their children to the Library, to provide supervision and guidance for them, and to make it a family experience. Library staff do not have the time to supervise unattended children. Ultimately, staff are there to provide library service!

The House Study Committee on Public Library Funding was established by Representative Chuck Sims following the arrest and conviction of two library directors from South Georgia in his area of the State. This Study Committee has been looking at a variety of issues facing public libraries including grants to libraries, funding and equalization issues, and other perceived problems.

In conjunction with the Study Committee and on-going work on library policies and issues, I was elected by the large multi-county library systems to represent them on a new statewide committee. The Committee, the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee [RPLAC], has several directors, 2 representatives from the State Library, and 2 members from the Board of Regents [Doreen Poitevint and Felton Jenkins]. We have 3 sub-committees that are looking at legal and policy issues, funding, and the future. I am serving as co-chair of the funding committee looking at the grants libraries receive, the problems with New Directions grants, and the need for regional system incentives. This last is particularly important because in recent years, the grants to library systems have favored single county libraries making it more appealing to break off from regions. I continue to be convinced that working together is far more efficient than having 5 counties duplicating services and working separately. And I think this is an opportunity to change the way libraries are funded for the better!

I testified before the House Committee on June 29 to discuss this very point. I noted that if there are no incentives, there will soon be 159 single county libraries. And while this might actually benefit Clarke and Oconee Counties, it will be disastrous for our smaller, less well funded counties. Rep. Sims assured me that it was not his intention to see this happen and that he felt regions were the way to go. He also stated that trustee training and more specific oversight was needed. There is one more meeting of his Study

Committee authorized; I believe that he will seek a continuation into the next term. The RPLAC Committee will continue to work on the 3 issues noted above.

This Committee has taken a lot of my time! We have met at least twice monthly as a group and additionally with the House group. However, I believe that regional systems must fight for more support and funding and this is essential work. We are fortunate in that the two Regents are very supportive of regional libraries.

CLARKE County: A lengthy building program is in progress as a part of the checklist for planning a new addition and renovation project. Working with the SPLOST Office, we expect the board will be issuing an RFP for an architect soon. Winterville continues to see increased use of the Saturday hours. And the East Athens and Lay Park libraries have been working closely with the Leisure Services Division to improve attendance at their programs.

FRANKLIN County: Planning for the use of the SPLOST funds for the two city libraries is underway with an emphasis on the children's areas.

MADISON County: The restoration of the building continues to move ahead with the structural replacement now completed. Furniture and equipment plus some final details are still to go.

OCONEE County: With the resignation of the branch manager when she moved to Canton, we've been trying to keep service going and have lent Clare Auwarter to the library. Interviews are now being scheduled and we should have a new manager soon!

OGLETHORPE County: The budget will be the major concern for the board for the upcoming year. We have discussed a potential shortfall and the board has been developing plans to secure more funding.

Overall, the Summer programs across the region have been going well with good attendance. Young Adult programs have also been very successful—this is a new endeavor this year as the library system is working hard to attract young adults.

FOGL – Friends of Georgia Libraries – has been actively planning for a fall workshop which will be led by Sally Reed who is President of the Friends of the Library, USA. Sally will be in Decatur on Friday, November 17 from 10-3 to talk about advocacy and working on that Buck for Books campaign. You will enjoy the program!

Pinewoods – Miguel and I will be speaking to the Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group [BIG] about collaboration on July 28 as a part of the annual conference. The partnerships from this project just continue to grow! Working with the new public health program at UGA, we sponsored several health education programs in Spanish. All of the programs were well attended, but the best public turn out was for programs on taking the baby to the doctor and getting children ready for school. They also enjoyed a session on discipline. Paul Duncan organized volunteers to plant a native

Mexican perennial garden in front of the facility. And Miguel attended the annual College of Education retreat for Latino Education. I was recently contacted by Indiana University researchers who want to use our project as a case study for the Fundraising School. If only they would find the next twist we could use to build a new grant application!

We are looking forward to the change to Evergreen and thank the PINES staff for offering many training opportunities. We have 2 people attending training programs today and tomorrow and 11 more will attend sessions in August representing all 5 counties and most of the facilities. This will be a Train the Trainer program which should then enable each person who attended to go back and offer training for both staff and the public.

From all reports, this summer's reading club participation has increased along with attendance at the special programs. A federal grant provided books for the summer program plus story time aides for the children. As always, the Friends of the Library have been very supportive by funding programs and activities for the children and young adults. You have the calendars of events for both groups and you'll see—they are busy!

Interestingly, circulation statistics seem to indicate fewer books checked out at some libraries, but there are increases in the grand total check out which may indicate people are discovering other outlets. I suspect some decreases are a direct result of decreased funding, but perhaps it is also an indication that we need to market our collections more effectively. Our door counts are up—more people are visiting the library; and computer use counts are also high. The Annual Report will be completed and submitted to the State Library in August and statistics should reflect increased use throughout the system.

The Friends, as always, have been wonderful throughout the region! Soon, you will see a couple of new offerings for databases through the webpages. First is Bookletters which will enable us to continue our focus on Readers Advisory services. Bookletters provides capsule highlights about new books, authors and subject areas. We will put a sentence on the opening page giving the Friends credit for this service, and will also note that some books may not yet be available. We are receiving an advance notification of titles to be featured, and our staff will ensure that we order as many as possible. The second database is Heritage Quest which we are purchasing as a part of a consortium. This will provide indexing and access to genealogy information.

A staff committee has been developing exhibits for the region based on specific categories and genres of books. This seems to be generating interest and we will continue through the coming year. The newest exhibit will focus on Chick Lit following Books that Men Like! Coming in October will be some international authors for What in the World Will I Read Next?

Have a great rest of the summer!!!

Regional Proposed Budget FY2007

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FY2007
Amount
103,600.00
4,000.00.
602,985.00
75,021.00
134,548.00
48,895.00
143,439.00
1,112,488.00

	FY2007 Budget	
Expenditures:	Amount	
Regional:		
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,228.00	2% inc.
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	6,810.00	
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	
Debt Collection Service	16,000.00	
Workers Compensation	12,114.00	
Mobile Telephone (Bookmobile)	300.00	
Postage	7,000.00	
Travel	7,016.00	
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	
Computer Maintenance	2,575.00	
Insurance	19,126.00	
Supplies	22,000.00	
Personnel	602,985.00	
Materials	75,021.00	
System Services Grant	131,479.00	
Materials Enhancement One Time Grant	48,895.00	
Special Needs Center	143,439.00	
Totals	1,112,488.00	

Revenue Over (under) expenditures

SYSTEM SERVICES GRANT FY2007

System Services Grant Budget Proposal FY2007

Revenues	2007
System Services Grant	134,548.00
Expenditures	04.050.00
System Services Grant Salaries	94,878.00
Benefits	31,926.00
Insurance increase	3,069.00
Equipment Repair and Maintenance	675.00
Travel	4,000.00
Total	134,548.00

Revenues over (under) Expenditures

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Special Needs Center FY2007 Budget

Revenues	FY2007
State Grant Special Needs Center	143,439.00
Expenditures	
Salaries	90,011.25
Benefits	30,288.79
Travel	1,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Printing	2,000.00
Electricity	10,500.00
Postage	1,446.00
Telephone	2,000.00
Materials	2,192.96
Equipment repair and maintenance	2,000.00
Computer supplies	500.00
	143,439.00

Over (Under)

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State Materials Grant Enhancement FY2007

Regional Base Enhancement	14,000.00
Athens-Clarke County	17,903.91
Franklin County	3,901.65
Madison County	5,140.62
Oconee County	5,411.76
Oglethorpe County	2,537.02
TOTAL	48,894.96

State Materials Grant FY2007

Regional Base Enhancement	6,600.00
Athens-Clarke County	35,105.70
Franklin County	7,650.30
Madison County	10,079.30
Oconee County	10,611.30
Oglethorpe County	4,974.55
TOTAL	75,021.15

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SYSTEM SERVICES GRANT SALARIES FY2007

	FY2007	FY2007	FY2007
EMPLOYEE	2% INC. TOTAL SALARY	EXPENDED TO GNT	BENEFITS
BOWDEN 1/2	53,985.54	26,992.77	9,083.07
DEAL 1/4	47,277.00	11,819.25	3,977.18
SIMONDS 2/5	49,470.00	19,788.00	6,658.66
HAYNES 2/3	26,724.00	17,816.00	5,995.08
MIZE/CARLAN 1/4	21,624.00	5,406.00	1,819.12
SIEGLER 1/2	26,112.00	13,056.00	4,393.34
TOTAL	225,192.54	94,878.02	31,926.45

SPECIAL NEEDS LIBRARY GRANT SALARIES FY2007

	FY2007	FY2007	FY2007
EMPLOYEE	2% INC. TOTAL SALARY	EXPENDED TO GNT	BENEFITS
GORDON, MABLE LAVE	29,565.00	7,391.25	2,487.16
HAYEK, MATTHEW W.	27,540.00	27,540.00	9,267.21
WILKERSON, AMBER R	24,480.00	24,480.00	8,237.52
MARKOV, CLAUDIA L.	30,600.00	30,600.00	10,296.90
TOTAL	112,185.00	90,011.25	30,288.79

STATE SALARIES GRA	FY2007	FY2007	FY2007
	SALARIES	EXPENDED TO GNT	BENEFITS
Ames State	73,742.82	73,742.82	19,167.97
local supplement	18,000.00		
total ames	91,742.82		
Atwood	73,448.82	73,448.82	20,156.56
Auwarter	73,448.82	73,448.82	19,091.55
Carter	72,848.82	72,848.82	19,991.90
Elsner	64,462.32	64,462.32	17,690.39
Firestone	57,871.68	57,871.68	15,881.73
Hartel	58,992.54	58,992.54	16,189.32
TOTAL	492,815.82	474,815.82	128,169.43

Substance Abuse Policy Statement

The Athens Regional Library System is committed to providing a safe work environment and to fostering the well-being and health of its employees. That commitment is jeopardized when any Athens Regional Library System employee illegally uses drugs on or off the job, comes to work under their influence, possesses, distributes or sells drugs in the workplace, or abuses alcohol on the job. Therefore, the Athens Regional Library System has established the following policy:

- (1)It is a violation of library policy for any employee to use, possess, sell, trade, offer for sale, or offer to buy illegal drugs or otherwise engage in the illegal use of drugs on or off the job.
- (2)It is a violation of library policy for any employee to report to work under the influence of or while possessing in his or her body, blood, or urine illegal drugs in any detectable amount.
- (3)It is a violation of library policy for any employee to report to work under the influence of or impaired by alcohol.
- (4)It is a violation of library policy for any employee to use prescription drugs illegally, i.e., to use prescription drugs that have not been legally obtained or in a manner or for a purpose other than as prescribed. (However nothing in this policy precludes the appropriate use of legally prescribed medications. If side effects from taking medication impairs the ability of an employee to work, he/she will be taken home with no penalty.)
- (5) Violations of this policy are subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

It is the responsibility of the library's supervisors to counsel employees whenever they see changes in performance or behavior that suggest an employee has a drug problem. Although it is not the supervisor's job to diagnose personal problems, the supervisor should encourage such employees to seek help and advise them about available resources for getting help. Everyone shares responsibility for maintaining a safe work environment, and co-workers should encourage anyone who has a drug problem to seek help.

The goal of this policy is to balance our respect for individuals with the need to maintain a safe, productive and drug-free environment. The intent of this policy is to offer a helping hand to those who need it, while sending a clear message that the illegal use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol are incompatible with employment at Athens Regional Library System.

As a condition of employment, employees must abide by the terms of this policy and must notify the Athens Regional Library System in writing of any conviction of a violation of a criminal drug statute no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

Employee Assistance

The library offers resource information on various means of employee assistance in our community, including but not limited to drug and alcohol abuse programs. Employees are encouraged to use this Employment Assistance Program(EAP) resource file, which is located in the Administrative Assistant's office. In addition, we will distribute this information to employees for their confidential use.

Employees who self-report substance abuse will be offered these referrals to local counseling and treatment centers when they have not been detected as being in violation of the Substance Abuse Policy. Employees who test "positive" in random testing, may also be offered this same chance at rehabilitation rather than termination. It will be offered on a one-time basis only. Employees will be dismissed who are unable or unwilling to rehabilitate; are unable to perform their duties because of impairment or incapacity due to illegal drug use; have been apprehended selling drugs illegally on the job; or who provide a risk to the safety of the public or co-workers. Employees will be responsible for the payment of any treatment program.

General Procedures

An employee reporting to work visibly impaired will be deemed unable to properly perform required duties and will not be allowed to work. If possible, the employee's supervisor will first seek another supervisor's opinion to confirm the employee's status. Next the supervisor will consult privately with the employee to determine the cause of the observation, including whether substance abuse has occurred. If, in the opinion of the supervisor, the employee is considered impaired, the employee will be sent home or to a medical facility by taxi or other safe transportation alternative – depending on the determination of the observed impairment – and accompanied by the supervisor or another employee if necessary. A drug test may be in order. An impaired employee will not be allowed to drive.

Opportunity to Contest or Explain Test Results

Employees and newly hired employees who have a positive confirmed test result may explain or contest the result to the library within five (5) working days after the library contacts the employee or new hire and shows him/her the positive test result as it was received from the laboratory in writing. The newly hired employee will not report to work during that time period. A current employee contesting the result of a positive test will be suspended with pay during this time period.

Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary action taken against an employee found to use illegal drugs may include the full range of disciplinary actions, including removal. At the discretion of the Director, and as part of an EAP, an employee may return to duty if the

employee's return would not endanger public health or safety. Consistent with the Library's disciplinary policies, the following measures are initiated:

- 1. Reprimanding the employee in writing.
- 2. Requiring the employee to enroll in an EAP program within 10 days and provide evidence to the Library that he/she is receiving counseling.
- 3. Suspending the employee with or without pay for a set period of time.
- 4. Removing the employee from service.

An employee who refuses to be tested when so required will be subject to the full range of disciplinary action, including dismissal. No applicant who refuses to be tested shall be extended an offer of employment. Attempts to alter or substitute the specimen provided will be deemed a refusal to take the drug test when required.

Confidentiality

The confidentiality of any information received by the employer through a substance abuse testing program shall be maintained, except as otherwise provided by law.

Employment Drug Testing

Newly hired employees in this library system will undergo testing for the presence of illegal drugs as a condition of employment. Any new hire with a confirmed positive test will be denied employment.

Applicants will be required to submit voluntarily to a urinalysis test at a laboratory chosen by this library system, and by signing a consent agreement will release the library system from liability. The lab chosen follows the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The testing laboratories used by the library system test for some or all of the following: amphetamines ("uppers"), barbiturates (sedative hypnotics), benzodiazepine ("downers"), cocaine, cannabis, methodone (heroin/oxycotin replacer), methaqualone (Quaaludes,more "downers"), opium/opiates, phenacyclidine (PCP), propoxphine(Darvocet brand pain killer).

If the physician, official or lab personnel has reasonable suspicion to believe that the newly hired employee has tampered with the specimen, the newly hired employee will not be considered for employment.

This library system will not discriminate against applicants for employment because of a past history of drug abuse. It is the current abuse of drugs, preventing employees from performing their jobs properly, that this library system will not tolerate.

Individuals who have failed a new hire-employment test may initiate another inquiry with the library system after a period of not shorter than six (6) months, but they must present themselves drug-free as demonstrated by urinalysis or other test selected by this library system.

Employee Testing

This library system has adopted testing practices to identify employees who use illegal drugs on or off the job or who abuse alcohol on the job.

It shall be a condition of employment for all employees to submit to substance abuse testing under the following circumstances:

- 1. When a substance abuse test is conducted as part of a routinely scheduled employee fitness-for-duty medical examination that is part of the employer's established policy; or that is scheduled on a <u>quarterly</u> **monthly** basis for randomly selected employees throughout the region. Employees with a confirmed positive test result may, at their option and expense, have a second confirmation test made on the same specimen. An employee will not be allowed to submit another specimen for testing.
- 2. When there is reasonable suspicion to believe that an employee is using illegal drugs or abusing alcohol. "Reasonable suspicion" is based on a belief that an employee is using or has used drugs or alcohol in violation of the employer's policy drawn from specific objective and articulable facts and reasonable inferences drawn from those facts in light of experience. Among other things, such facts and inferences may be based upon, but not limited to, the following:
 - (A) Observable phenomena while at work such as direct observation of substance abuse or of the physical symptoms or manifestations of being impaired due to substance abuse;
 - (B)Abnormal conduct or erratic behavior while at work, or a significant deterioration in work performance;
 - (C)A report of substance abuse provided by a reliable and credible source;
 - (D)Evidence that an individual has tampered with any substance abuse test during his or her employment with the current employer;
 - (E)Information that an employee has caused or contributed to an accident while at work; or
 - (F)Evidence that an employee has used, possessed, sold, solicited, or transferred drugs while working or while on the employer's premises or while operating the employer's vehicle, machinery, or equipment.
- 3. When employees have caused or contributed to an on-the-job injury that resulted in a loss of work time, which means any period of time during which an employee stops performing the normal duties of employment and leaves the place of employment to seek care from a licensed medical provider. An employer may send employees for a substance abuse test if they are involved in on-the-job accidents where personal injury or damage to company property occurs.
- 4. As part of a follow-up program to treatment for drug abuse.

If the physician, official, or lab personnel has reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee has tampered with the specimen, the employee is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Alcohol Abuse

The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on library premises is prohibited. An employee whose normal faculties are impaired due to the consumption of alcoholic beverages, or whose blood alcohol level tests .05 or higher, while on duty/library business shall be guilty of misconduct, and shall be subject to discipline up to and including termination. Failure to submit to a required substance abuse test also is misconduct and also shall be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

7/15/04

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROCEDURES

- 1. BOS Temporaries, Inc. provides the monthly drug-free educational material for both employees and supervisors which is in each employees' pay envelope. BOS also provides the monthly random testing number.
- 2. The Drug Program Coordinator notifies the employee who has been selected for random testing and his/her supervisor. This notification is confidential to the before mentioned individuals and it is explained to the employee that he/she is under no suspicion of taking drugs and the employee's name was selected randomly. The drug test must be undertaken as soon after notification as possible, and, no later than 48 hours after notice to the employee. When necessary, employees will be allowed to complete testing on library time.
- 3. The Drug Program Coordinator will keep a numeric alphabetical list of all current employees. New employees will be added at the bottom of the list and employees who have left the library will be crossed off monthly. In the first week of January of each new year the list will be re-numbered and re-alphabetized.
- 4. Temporary summer help and substitutes will not automatically be sent for drug testing but will be added to the numeric/alphabetical list. If the employee's number is randomly selected he/she will then be sent for a drug test.
- 5. New hires or employees who have been tested within the past 2 months will not be sent for re-testing. Instead, the next number on the random list will be selected.

Capital Assets Policy Athens Regional Library System

The Athens Regional Library Board's GASB 34 asset threshold shall be \$5,000. 1/14/2003

The Athens Regional Library will capitalize(set-up and depreciate) certain assets the library owns above the \$5,000 threshold set by the board. All assets will be capitalized over a life period of 10 years of and be depreciated by straight line depreciation.

TO: Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian
FROM: (lille his has
Signature Chairman, Athens Regional Library Board
SUBJ: Conversion of State-funded Professional Positions
Conversion of State Tanded Foressional Fositions
MANDATORY CONVERSION
This system has no mandatory conversion
This system will convert a position on or before July 1, 2006
This position is currently vacant
This position is currently held byBowden
This person will retire
This person will be paid with local and/or converted funds
Other
<u>VOLUNTARY CONVERSIONS</u>
This system will not be converting any positions voluntarily
This system would like to convertexisting position(s) as of 7/1/06
This position is currently vacant
This position is currently held by
This person will retire
This person will be paid with local and/or converted funds
Other

DATE:

July 11, 2006

A copy of the minutes of the Library System Board indicating the approval of the conversion(s) is attached to this request.

Mail to:

Susan N. Roberts, Director Library Grants, Research and Planning Georgia Public Library Service 1800 Century Place, Suite 150 Atlanta, GA 30345-4304

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is by and between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia ("BOR") and the Board of Trustees of the Athens Regional Library System (the "Trustees"). The BOR and the Trustees shall be jointly referred to as the "parties."

BACKGROUND

The Trustees operate the Madison County Public Library in a facility owned by Madison County, Georgia (the "Library Facility"). The Library Facility has suffered tornado damage necessitating certain physical repairs. The Georgia Public Library Service, a unit of the BOR, in conjunction with its support of public libraries in the state of Georgia, is willing to provide funds for part of the repairs.

Therefore, in consideration of the promises below and, other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- Services. The Trustees shall undertake the repairs for the Library Facility in accordance with a statement of work (SOW) to be separately agreed to by the parties (the "Project") within 1. forty-five (45) days of the execution of this Agreement. Such SOW shall be incorporated into this Agreement by amendment as Exhibit A. The Trustees shall contract with Madison County (the "County") to perform the Project. A copy of that contract shall be provided to the BOR upon its execution. The County may utilize third party contractors for certain phases of the Project. The BOR shall reimburse the Trustees for expenditures made in performance of the Project up to a total of Three Hundred and Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$350,000). Any reimbursements made by the BOR to the Trustees under this MOU shall be contingent on the following: (i) No reimbursement will be made for services provided by third party contractors, unless the County (or the Trustees) has entered into a written agreement with the third party governing the work that such party is to perform on the Project and a fully executed copy of that agreement is provided to the BOR by the Trustees; (ii) all expenditures for which reimbursement is sought must be evidenced by written documentation in a form satisfactory to the BOR and such expenditures must comply with state-approved procurement procedures; (iii) all reimbursement requests must first be submitted to the library director for the Madison County Pubic Library and approved by the Trustees; (iv) the Trustees shall submit all such approved reimbursement requests to the BOR to the attention of the BOR contact listed in Section 2 below; and (v) the Trustees and/or the County must contribute a minimum of Two Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand Four Hundred and Ninetyeight Dollars (\$255,498) of Trustees' and/or County resources toward the Project. The final reimbursement payment will only be paid by the BOR after the Trustees provide the BOR with documentation satisfactory to the BOR evidencing such contribution. Under no circumstances shall the total of all payments under this MOU exceed Three Hundred and Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$350,000).
- 2. <u>Notices.</u> All notices under this MOU shall be deemed duly given, upon delivery, if delivered by hand, or three days after posting, if sent by Registered or Certified Mail, to a party hereto at the address set forth below or to such other address as a party may designate by notice pursuant hereto.

BOR:

Susan Roberts
Director, Library Grants, Research and Planning
Georgia Public Library Service
1800 Century Place, Suite 150
Atlanta, GA 30345-4304

Trustees:

Kathryn Ames Library Director Athens Regional Library System 2025 Baxter Street Athens, GA 30606

- 3. <u>Term.</u> The term of this MOU is from March 1, 2006 until February 28, 2007. This agreement may be renewed by mutual written consent of the parties.
- 4. <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter; all prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations and undertakings, are superseded hereby.
- 5. <u>Signature Authority</u>. The Trustees agree to furnish documentation acceptable to the BOR indicating that the individual whose signature appears below is properly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Trustees.

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia	Library System
By: Corlis Cummings Senior Associate Vice Chancellor For Support Services	By: Nathering of Cimes Name: Kotterin S. Ames Title: Director

Special Needs Library of Northeast Georgia

2025 Baxter St Athens, GA 30606 706.613.3655 800.531.2063 specialneedslibrary@athenslibrary.org

We in Special Needs Library are very pleased with our new Outreach Coordinator Amber Wilkerson. Amber has compiled a visitation schedule for our 21 county area with emphasis in Gwinnett County.

Amber begins her contact to institutions with an introductory phone call and sends an information packet to further explain the service. She then calls back within two weeks to make an appointment for a visit and to give a presentation. Since the beginning of her employment on January 17 she has signed up ten new deposit accounts! One deposit account is counted the same as six individual patrons. Amber has helped us redesign all of our handouts and been instrumental in increased circulation of our Bifokal Kits. These kits are very popular within the assisted living environment and help activity directors with group activities.

We are also implementing a monthly "Senior Cinema Day" featuring a described video from our collection. This will be shown in the main library auditorium. This activity will be promoted to all our assisted living deposit accounts and will occur the first Thursday each month. We are confident our patrons will anticipate the monthly event, with the library benefiting from their visits with increased traffic and book checkouts.

Special Needs Vacation Reading Program is in full swing. We sent our younger readers a packet describing titles and book series which they may find interesting to read.

We are working diligently to provide our impaired patrons with quality leisure activity. We strive to provide excellent patron assistance and with our aggressive outreach plan feel that our patron base should continue to build. Please stop in and visit and let us know if we can offer a presentation to an organization in your area.

May - July 2006 Special Needs Outreach

12 visits 106 phone calls 157 info packs sent

Activities:

1. Presentations/Visits:

- Country Gardens Assisted Living (Norcross)
- Norcross Senior Center
- Norcross Library
- Summer's Landing Assisted Living (Monroe) presentations
- Summer's Landing Assisted Living (Monroe) booth at information fair
- Lawrenceville Senior Center
- Lawrenceville Dialysis
- Lawrenceville Library
- Silverleaf of Athens
- Annandale Village (Suwanee)
- Meeting with Julie Evans, Adapted PE teacher for CCSD
- Attended Georgia Tools for Life Assistive Technology Town Hall Mtg

2. Upcoming Presentations/Visits:

- ADA Celebration (Athens) July 26
- Lawrenceville Senior Center August 3
- Buford Senior Center August 8

3. Other Activities:

- Recording and tabulating responses from Patron Surveys and following up with appropriate actions (sending information, adjusting preferences, making follow-up phone calls).
- Summer large-print rotation
- Planning a monthly showing of a descriptive video at the Library and inviting local senior institutions to promote the service and invite patrons to use the library.
- Contacting institutions such as NEGRDC, Barrier Free Gwinnett, Disabled Veterans' chapters, The Legacy Link, home health care agencies, Peachtree United Hospice House, and hospice organizations to make industry contacts and reach the clients of those institutions.
- Making phone calls to new target sites (assisted living facilities, nursing homes, eye care professionals, etc) to make contacts.

SPECIAL NEEDS CENTER OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
July	4,129	4,415	4,032	6,702	7,234	7,735	8,100	6,359
August	3,964	3,636	4,246	6,694	7,821	7,721	7,288	8,048
September	4,019	3.701	5,857	4,578	8,147	7,870	6,541	8,407
October	4,404	3,831	7,075	6,414	6,886	6,619	6,326	4,617
November	4,353	3,940	6,850	7,362	7,226	8,369	7,256	4,933
December	3,450	3,067	6,212	8,102	6,988	8,070	7,377	4,369
January	4,033	3,535	6,911	7,348	8,707	7,677	6,041	4,719
February	3,847	3,537	5,797	7,055	7,661	7,693	6,179	6,625
March	4,328	4,352	6,735	7,720	7,292	9,202	8,248	6,472
April	3,509	3,512	6,548	8,102	7,962	7,701	6,168	6,162
May	3,572	4,311	6,332	6,748	7,996	6,781	6,344	7,013
June	4,146	4,492	6,508	6,423	9,014	7,336	6,564	8,528
TOTALS	47,754	42,632	73,103	83,248	92,934	92,774	82,432	76,252

The Special Needs Library introduces...

Senior Cinema



A monthly movie event!



Join us in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am for a showing of a descriptive video.

Our first movie will be The King & I September 7 at 10:00am!



ARLS Staff Computer Use Policy

Date Issued: May 23, 2006

Purpose: The Athens Regional Library System provides employees access to computer hardware, software, email

accounts, and Internet access to improve the performance of their duties and to support their continuing education and professional development. The following guidelines are aimed at specifying acceptable.

responsible and productive computer use by staff.

1. USE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

- 1.1. Only software that has been approved by the library director and for which the library holds appropriate license or other rights to use may be installed on library computers. All requests to install software on library computers, including "shareware" or World Wide Web browser "plug-in" programs, should be referred to the computer support staff for consideration. All software installed on library computers must be installed by the computer support staff.
- 1.2. The library does not allow unauthorized use, installation, copying or distribution of copyrighted, trademarked, or patented software or commercial electronic products including music or movies on library computers.
- 1.3. The primary use of library computer hardware and software should be for work-related purposes. Staff members may make limited personal use of these library resources, so long as the amount of usage does not interfere with the performance of staff duties.
- 1.4. During work hours no games may be played on library computers, unless directly related to the employee's job.
- 1.5. Staff computers are considered the property of the Athens Regional Library System, and the library director has the authority to review computer files or email correspondence upon his/her discretion.
- 1.6. Use of staff computer resources is limited to authorized staff.

2. EMAIL AND INTERNET USAGE

- 2.1. The library furnishes email accounts and Internet access to its staff as communications and research tools to assist them in their work. The primary use of these tools should be for work-related purposes.
- 2.2. Staff may not send, or attempt to send, Spam of any kind from a library email account or from third-party networks using a return library email address or referencing a library email address.
- 2.3. Staff may not send harassing email, chain letters, or other misuses of resources which result in complaints from the recipient or the recipient's email provider or which results in blacklisting of the sender's email address or email server.
- 2.4. Staff may not use library email or Internet for illegal activities such as child pornography, copyright violation, slander, theft or threats.
- 2.5. Use of email accounts for personal fundraising or profit-making activities is not permitted.

ARLS Staff Computer Use Policy

3. SECURITY

- 3.1. Staff may not divulge any library passwords, codes or security procedures to another staff member, a patron or a third party unless authorized to do so by a direct supervisor. Neither may any staff member use or attempt to obtain any library passwords, codes, security procedures or another staff member's username or password by unauthorized means.
- 3.2. Staff may not knowingly or willfully violate the authentication or security of the library's network, servers or computers or attempt to crash, overload or disrupt any aspect of the network or computer system.
- 3.3. Staff may not share any information or records about a patron or staff member with another person, staff member or a third party.
- 3.4. Any staff member receiving a request for disclosure of email, Internet or voicemail messages, by subpoena or otherwise, shall refer such request to the library director for appropriate handling.
- 3.5 No staff member may connect any device to the library network unless it meets security standards.
- 3.6 When the departure of a given staff member may be anticipated, the staff member needs to work with his/her supervisor to pare unnecessary files and email resources from his/her accounts and provide for future continuity of files and email resources in conjunction with computer support staff. Network account(s), library email account(s) and any other personal electronic resources of the departing staff member will be terminated or disabled immediately following his/her departure.

4. PRINTING AND FAXING

4.1. Staff may not print or fax personal documents, photos, etc. without paying the appropriate fee. All fees are half price for staff.

I have read and agree to abide by the ARLS Staff Computer Use Policy.

Signed	
Date	

LONG OVERDUE:

A FRESH LOOK AT PUBLIC ATTITUDES ABOUT LIBRARIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Full Report available in early June 2006

www.publicagenda.org

→ Key findings from a soon-to-be-released report by PUBLIC AGENDA supported by AMERICANS FOR LIBRARIES COUNCIL and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Americans View Public Libraries as Not Only Relevant to the 21st Century, But Essential to Their Communities

Summary: The American people expect and prize public library service in the Internet age. In fact, they see libraries as potential solutions to many communities' most pressing problems, from universal access to computers to a safe place for teens. But the research suggest a troubling "perception" gap, with many elected leaders reluctant to consider libraries a funding priority, and community residents - even those most appreciative of the library - unaware that libraries face stiff competition for funds. This spells a missed opportunity for elected leaders, who could build upon libraries' currency in the community to address a host of contemporary problems, as well as for the library community, which could better secure libraries' funding future by trumpeting the many traditional and innovative roles libraries play today.

Long Overdue is based on telephone interviews with a national random sample of 1,203 adults 18 years and older. Of those, 458 interviews were done with respondents who are civically engaged in the community on a number dimensions such as voting and volunteerism. Public Agenda also conducted 34 in-depth interviews with national and community leaders in politics, business, education, public health and library architecture to share their perspectives about the future of public libraries in America, as well as focus groups in six diverse communities across the nation.

Libraries Hold High Credibility in their Communities

- Libraries receive the best grades of any of the community institutions covered in this study, with four in 10 giving them an 'A'
- Moreover, libraries seem to have escaped the public's general cynicism about government wasting taxpayer money. A majority of the public says their local libraries use money well. Even among people who rarely if ever use the local public

library, a majority gives local libraries credit in this regard.

Most people say libraries perform an "essential" service in maintaining a productive community, and three-quarters say that if libraries were closed because of lack of funding, communities would lose something important and valuable.

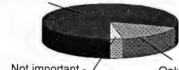
The Public Values Both Traditional and 21st Century Library Services

- Asked what libraries' top priorities should be. Americans pointed most frequently to such traditional services as having enough books for children, having good reference materials and knowledgeable, friendly librarians.
- At the same time, two-thirds say that having enough computers and online services should also be a high priority for their local library.

Libraries: Essential to Whole Community

If your public library were shut down tomorrow due to lack of funding, would you feel that something essential and important has been lost, affecting the whole community, or that while something important was lost, it really only affects a few people in the community, or the loss would not be important for your community?

Important loss to whole community - 78%



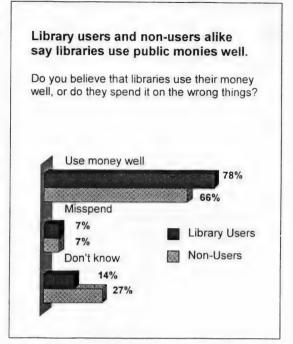
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Only affects a few - 17%

Seven in 10 favor wiring libraries so that those who might not be able to afford home computers can learn computer skills and get online.

Civically Engaged: Strong on Libraries, But Not Called to Action

- Americans who are active in their communites and vote regularly in local elections are also more likely to have a library card, favor taxes to support libraries and give them good grades for their services.
- Although these highly engaged citizens are even more upbeat than others about libraries, they are no more likely to see the urgency of libraries being at risk for losing future public support.
- The bottom line: The people that local politicians are most likely to listen to are also the most likely to be library supporters. But right now, they are generally unaware of possible threats to library services.



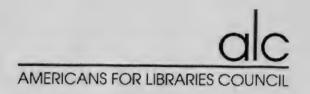
Leaders See Libraries as Poised to Solve Problems, But Vulnerable

- Leaders recognize the potential of libraries to do far more in their communities than just provide access to information. Many point to very specific examples of where libraries had made themselves indispensable to communities facing major challenges, such as adult literacy and helping acculturate new immigrants.
- At the same time, many leaders pointed out that libaries tend to fall to the bottom of the list when local decision makers are deciding their budgets.

Most People Reject Cutting Library Services and Are Receptive to Boosting Funding — if Libraries Make the Case

- Faced with the prospect of local libraries in trouble, even non-users say they would raise taxes rather than cut back services or charge fees. Asked "If local libraries need additional funds to continue operation," increasing taxes to cover the necessary costs was the most popular answer (59% of library users, 47% of non-users) ahead of "the library charging the people who use it" (26% library users, 35% non-users) or "the library reducing the service that it offers" (17% library users, 23% non-users). But since most Americans aren't aware of the funding challenge, libraries need to nurture this potential support and help translate it into action, the study suggests.
- Because most Americans believe libraries use tax resources wisely, libraries do not have to fight the "cut the waste first" attitudes the public brings to so many issues of public funding.
- There are several areas where the public sees opportunities for libraries to fill key gaps in their communities. Providing safe places for teens along with engaging activities, offering places where adults can improve their reading skills, and serving as the "go to" place in the community that assures access to government information, such as health program forms and tax information are seen as places where community needs and library strengths overlap.

5 Things Community Leaders Should Know About Libraries and the Public*



Libraries Are Highly Valued.

Libraries received the best grades of any of the community institutions covered in a national survey. Nearly half the public gave libraries an "A" – higher than public schools, the police and the local news media. More than 6 in 10 "strongly agree" that public libraries are essential for "maintaining a productive community."



Libraries Are Important 21st Century Resources.

The public considers having computers and Internet access in libraries essential, and many also want libraries to provide other multimedia resources. Almost two-thirds of Americans say that having enough computers and online services should be a high priority for libraries.



Voters Love Libraries.

Those who vote in nearly every local election, and who volunteer and donate to charities, are big fans of libraries. Nearly three-quarters have a local library card. Six in 10 of these civically-engaged folks would favor a tax increase to cover library needs, compared with about half of less-engaged citizens.



Libraries Use Tax Funds Wisely.

More than three-quarters of library users believe libraries spend tax dollars well. Even among non-users, 6 in 10 say they believe libraries use their funds wisely.



The Public Welcomes a Greater Role for Libraries.

Interviews with nearly three dozen national and community leaders and an in-depth public opinion survey highlighted four specific opportunities for public libraries to integrate themselves more fully into the life of their communities and to position themselves as positive "community players." The four areas are:



- A safe and engaging place for teens
 Nationwide, there are excellent examples of teen programming at public libraries, but funding is a challenge.
- Literacy skills for a strong workforce
 Survey data about adult literacy and workforce development show a clear opportunity for synergy and community improvement. More than half of the public believes communities should emphasize job search assistance, and almost as many believe this should be a high priority for public libraries.
- Center for community information
 The public sees an opportunity for libraries to fill a gap as a "hub" for improved access to government information and services, including making public documents and forms quickly and easily available.
- Greater access to technology
 The public says this is a community need that is currently not being met and one it sees as a high priority for libraries.

*From a new public opinion research study, "Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public and Leadership Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century," published by Public Agenda June 2006.

Athens Regional Library Personnel Committee September 21, 2006

Present: Ms. Stratton, Chair; Ms. Dunn and Mr. Shapiro. Mr. Andrews was absent. Mrs. Blake recorded the minutes.

Ms. Stratton called the meeting to order at 3:30.

The first item dealt with the Director's Evaluation form. At the October board meeting, a revised form will be recommended to the board. The committee focused on those questions that board members had answered "don't know" on the prior evaluation. Mr. Shapiro pointed out that some of the questions are about things the board has no way of knowing without input from staff. No one was aware of the way to get this input fairly. Ms. Dunn thought there were too many questions. The Committee went through each question and amended some and deleted others. The result is the attached revised evaluation form.

The second issue before the Personnel Committee dealt with random drug testing. The Committee decided to leave the present policy in place but added that reimbursement for mileage should be given to employees who are already given library time to take the test.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES October 10, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 by Chairman, Ms. DeJoy. Those present were: Mr. Bentley, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Childers, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Gaither, Ms. Sawver (representing Winterville), Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mokler, Ms. Lane, Mr. Prokasy, Mr. Timmons and Ms. Williams. Ms. Pope was excused. Ms. Hawks-Bradley was absent. Also present were staff members Ms. Carter, Ms. Simonds, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes. SPLOST manager, Keith Sanders was also present.

The minutes of July 11, 2006 meeting were approved amended on a motion and second from Mr. Mokler and Ms. Kohl.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Mr. Prokasy and Ms. Dunn..

Ms. Simonds presented the Financial Report for information purposes. The first quarter of FY07 comes in at about 25% of the total budget which is where is should be. Cleaning service costs are for once a year carpet cleaning and is built into the budget. 10% of SPLOST monies have been spent.

There was no public comment.

Staff Report: Laura Carter handed out a spread sheet and summary about the tribute on September 14 for Frances and Upshaw Bentley. \$8,700 was raised at the event which was primarily to thank the Bentley's and raise the Endowment's visibility in the community. Mugs given at the event as take home gifts were presented to board members at the meeting.

Committee Reports followed

- 1. Building Committee Ms. Williams, Chair, gave the committee's recommendation that Craig, Gaulden and Davis, from Greenville, SC, be hired as architects for the expansion and renovation of the library. They will be required to have design work finished by March 15. This was unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Timmons. The board also unanimously approved authorizing Keith Sanders to negotiate with the architectural firm to reduce the fees to a maximum of \$250,000 on a motion and second from Ms. Lane and Mr. Bentley.
- 2.Friends of the Library Ms. Kohl reported Café au Libris is coming in November and is one of their major fundraisers. The Friends also were sponsors of the Bentley event making a contribution of \$1500. Friends will sponsor a reception and help in an activity for guest artist, Fernando Meza as part of the IMLS grant.
- Public Relations Mr. Bentley reported that the committee had not met though a packet of recent PR was enclosed.
- 4. Winterville –Ms. Sawver reported that the library in Winterville is seeking a new librarian as Mary Linneman has taken a job at UGA. Bedtime stories have resumed. In December the Friends will again sponsor Polar Express night.

Director's Report – Mrs. Ames had e-mailed her report but stressed that members try to attend the FOGL presentation on November 17. She also mentioned that an ALA grant will allow her and Mrs. Atwood to attend the Guadalajara Book Festival. There will be a new trustees manual distributed at this week's Director's meeting which she will make available as soon as she has them. Mrs. Ames mentioned some staff transitions and the hiring of Trudi Green to take Ms. Auwarter's position as head of Reference. She also thanked Ms. DeJoy for her 10 years of service on the library board.

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Communications and Correspondence received since the last board meeting were shared with board members.

Unfinished Business.

The Nominating Committee, Bill Prokasy, Chair, recommended that JoEllen Childers be elected Vice-Chair. She was unanimously elected after a second from Ms. Williams.

IMLS Update – This is Year 2 at Pinewoods as the Federal Grant began October 1. Pinewoods has been all we anticipated and more serving as a hub for other Latino activities and community organizations. UGA involvement has been great and consistent. About 80 children come for tutoring on a daily basis. Fernando Meza, guest artist will have a full schedule of events from Oct 28 through Nov 6. There is a summary of his schedule attached.

New Business.

The Memo of Agreement with Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Library Board has been signed and forwarded to the Manager's office for signatures. It basically states that Athens-Clarke County Government will reimburse the library board for expenses when SPLOST funds become available.

Passport Services Policy was unanimously amended to reflect new U.S. Department of State prices for a passport on a motion and second from Ms. Bogue and Ms. Dunn.

Other Business

A resolution honoring Clare Auwarter for her service at the Athens-Clarke County Library was approved and well-wishes given as she takes up her duties as Branch Manager of Oconee County Libraries.

Ms. DeJoy asked board members to email ideas and feedback to the Financial Committee prior to Dec. 1 when they will begin formulating the FY08 budget. She again stressed the 3 priorities of the Board: a) paraprofessional salary inequities.

b) strong statement for a permanent line item for materials in every budget.

c)Pineswoods – secure longevity by noting not only local and community impact, but also statewide and nationally.

Ms. Ames presented Ms. DeJoy with a book, *The Visual History of the World*, and thanked her for her 10 years of service to the Athens-Clarke County Library Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57.

Kathryn S. Ames, Secretary

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA October 10, 2006

Call to order.

*Minutes of July 11, 2006 meeting

*Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Staff Report: Laura Carter, report on Endowment Event

Committee Reports.

- 1. Building Committee Architect Recommendation
- 1. Friends of the Library
- 2. Public Relations see packet
- 3.Winterville

Director's Report.

Communications and Correspondence.

Unfinished Business.
Nominating Committee report

IMLS Update - Year 2

New Business.

Memorandum of Agreement with Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County Passport Policy amendment

Other business.

Adjourn,

Announcements:

"Libraries Can't Live on Love Alone" - FOGL Presentation by Sally Reid, November 17, 2006

Café au Libris - FOL local author celebration evening November 3, 2006

FY2006
Athens-Clarke County Library
July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006

	FY2006	Amount		% of Budget
Revenue:	Amount	Received	Balance	Received
Athens-Clarke County Commission	1,556,584.00	389,146.02	1,167,437.98	25.00%
City of Winterville	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	0.00%
ACCL Fines	70,000.00	17,101.98	52,898.02	24.43%
ACCL Copy Money	15,000.00	5,218.61	9,781.39	34.79%
ACCL Meeting Room	1,950.00	400.00	1,550.00	20.51%
Winterville Fines	1,000.00	266.66	733.34	26.67%
Winterville Copy	125.00	50.05	74.95	40.04%
Interest	6,000.00	131.01	5,868.99	2.18%
Totals	1,660,659.00	412,314.33	1,248,344.67	24.83%

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
Expenditures:	Amount	Expended	Balance	Expended
Outreach	44,000.00	11,000.00	33,000.00	25.00%
Wages/Benefits	1,396,763.00	324,216.02	1,072,546.98	23.21%
Workers Compensation	6,500.00	-	6,500.00	0.00%
Equipment Repair and Maint.	8,000.00	1,495.43	6,504.57	18.69%
Telephone	14,000.00	1,868.20	12,131.80	13.34%
Postage	6,825.00	486.00	6,339.00	7.12%
Travel	2,500.00	62.32	2,437.68	2.49%
Advertising	7,000.00	1,686.34	5,313.66	24.09%
Insurance	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	0.00%
Supplies	29,171.00	6,819.03	22,351.97	23.38%
Materials	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	0.00%
Printing and Publicity	3,700.00	486.20	3,213.80	13.14%
Equipment Purchase	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	0.00%
Dues/Registration	1,500.00	150.00	1,350.00	10.00%
Cleaning Service	9,000.00	6,187.50	2,812.50	68.75%
Electricity	85,000.00	25,502.03	59,497.97	30.00%
Storm Water Drainage	2,200.00	415.67	1,784.33	18.89%
Gas Heat	12,000.00	859.34	11,140.66	.7.16%
Water, Sewer, Garbage	7,500.00	1,257.34	6,242.66	16.76%
Totals	1,660,659.00	382,491.42	1,278,167.58	23.03%

Revenue over (under) expenditures

29,822.91

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
	Amount	Expended	Balance	Expended
State and Federal Grants:				
Personnel	628,121.34	157,030.34	471,091.00	25.00%
Materials	123,916.46	9,572.51	114,343.95	7.72%
System Services Grant (includes travel)	134,548.31	32,637.08	101,911.23	24.26%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	38,840.21	104,599.09	27.08%
	1,030,025.41	238,080.14	791,945.27	23.11%
SPLOST:			•	
Athens	125,500.00	12,816.94	112,683.06	10.21%
Winterville	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	0.00%
Lay Park Resource Center	1,500.00	146.94	1,353.06	9.80%
East Athens Resource Center	1,500.00	152.65	1,347.35	10.18%
TOTALS	130,000.00	13,116.53	116,883.47	10.09%
Total State Grants & SPLOST	1,160,025.41	251,196.67	908,828.74	21.65%
Fund Equity ("Reserve")				
Fund Equity ("Reserve") at 07/01/06	279,856.21			
Less Reserved/ Identified Funds:	(130,916.51)			
Vacation Liability One Months Operating Expense	(138,388.25)			
One Wonth's Operating Expense	10,551.45			
Other Entrepreneurial Activities				
	Passport Profit an	d Loss Statement F	Y2007	
Balance in Passport 07/01/06	38,047.86			
Revenues				
07/01/06 - 09/30/06	3,595.00			
Total Revenues	3,595.00			
Expenditures				
Verizon pagers	. 9.64			
Postage through 09/30/06	84.69			
Total Expenditures	9.64			
Net Profit Current Year	3,585.36			
Total Balance in Passport Fund	41,633.22			

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Total Balance in Passport Fund

Summary Report

Tribute to Frances and Upshaw Bentley Thursday September 14, 2006

Sent out approx. 1800 invitations Reserved 235 places for dinner

Virginia and Jon Appleton have been great Honorary Chairs of this part of the campaign and the Endowment Board decided to drop the Honorary.

The Athens Banner-Herald donated 4 large 1/4 page ads worth \$2700 We got donations from burton +BURTON of containers for the flowers, oasis, florist's tape, etc.

Frances Bentley's friends arranged flowers for the evening. Suzanne King chaired the decorations committee.

We got donations of loose fresh flowers, from Flowers, Inc. Wholesale and Jingles. Charmar donated the large arrangement at the head table. Always, Always Flowers donated the arrangement for the name tag table.

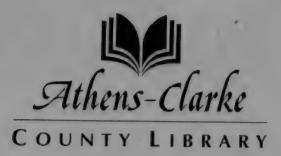
Jon Appleton served as Master of Ceremonies

Mugs were the take home gifts.

Positive outcomes

- Lots of positive feedback on the event
- This event has enabled us to begin building a good mailing list for the Endowment.
- Increased awareness in the community of the needs of the library not met by public funding
- Made people aware that the Library has a foundation with an endowment to insure the long term strength of the library.
- Cleared \$8,703.71 on event

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			Todd Emily - Edward Jones	500.00 1,150.00	350.00	500.00 1,500.00	10	
			Scruggs Family	1,210.00	490.00	1,700.00	14	
			Charles & Laura Carter	1,150.00	350.00	1,500.00	10	
			Terry Trotochaud	1,165.00	385.00	1,550.00	11	
			John Griffin Family	465.00	35.00	500.00	1	
			Stan & Martha Henderson	430.00	70.00	500.00	2	
			Thomas W. Scott & Assoc.	1,150.00	350.00	1,500.00	10	
			Katherine (Kitty) T. Wilson Fortson, Bentley, & Griffin	790.00	210.00	1,000.00	6	
			P.A.	1,150.00	350.00	1,500.00	10	
			Friends of ACCL	1,150.00	350.00	1,500.00	10	
			Athens First Bank & Trust Bentley comp table	1,150.00	350.00 315.00	1,500.00	10	
			Athens Reg. Med Center St. Mary's Health Care	1,150.00	350.00	1,500.00	10	
			System	430.00 13,040.00	70.00 4,025.00		115	
			Donations/food	13,040.00	4,025.00	12,090.00	110	
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EXPENSES Mugs							-	2,008.01
Flowers/Decorations					,	-	-	19.98
Equipment								
2 9x12 screens								390.00
dedicated tech								120.00
mixer								105.00
2 projectors								650.00
Radar Multimedia Prod Riggers for special lighting Cash bar (150 each + %)								6,975.00 355.00
Postage		-		-				230.88
Security		-				-	-	100.00
Printing		-				-		100.00
Invitations						-		1,716.88
Programs				_		-		137.50
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Variable Expenses								
Meals	25.00	235						5,918.04
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Endowment Fund, Inc. Progress Report October 10, 2006

Financial Status

♦ The Endowment Fund's current total is \$634,858.92.

New Campaign

- ♦ The Tribute to Frances and Upshaw Bentley was a great kick-off to Phase Two of our campaign. See Laura's report for details.
- ♦ The goal for Phase Two is \$300,000. Over \$25,000 has already been given/pledged. This does not include donations in association with the Bentley event.
- ♦ Endowment board members are currently in the quiet solicitation phase. They have picked prospects and are personally contacting them for donations.

Ideas/Suggestions

♦ Ideas for a fundraiser? Suggestions for potential donors? Let us know! Call Stacey Overstreet at 706-613-3650, ext 336.

TO:

Athens Clarke County Library Board

FROM:

Anjanette R. Williams, Chair, SPLOST Building Committee/

DATE:

October 10, 2006

RE:

Architect Selection

Participants in the process: Keith Sanders and Kenneth R. Crellen, SPLOST; Kathryn Ames, John Timmons, Svea Bogue, Bill Prokasy, Fran Lane, Corwin Mokler and Anjanette Williams, board members.

Six architecture firms submitted proposals for the renovation and 20,000 sq. ft. addition to the ACCL. Three firms were interviewed by the selection committee.

The recommendation of the committee is Craig, Gaulden and Davis, Inc., based out of Greenville, South Carolina. The firm was selected based on its firm's experience in designing libraries and the qualifications of the key staff in designing libraries – project manager/principal in charge, interior designer and architect. Additionally, the firm indicated understanding of our project and schedule necessary to meet the schedule of the Georgia Public Library System (GPLS) Grant application process.

Their library experience includes the recently completed 120,000 sq. ft. Greenville County Library, the Columbia County Library (Evans, GA), 50,000 SF facility, the Florence County Library (Florence, SC), 83,000 SF facility, the Anderson County Library (Anderson, SC), 94,000 SF, and the Conyers-Rockdale County Library (Conyers, GA), 37,781 SF renovation and 8,724 SF addition.

The references for Craig, Gaulden, and Davis were positive and indicated satisfaction with the firm's performance. Previous contractors indicated they would hire Craig, Gaulden, and Davis again, or currently have other projects in progress.

Putting on a party face

Immigrants show the colors on Mexican independence day



By Blake Aued | blake.aued@onlineathens.com | Story updated at 12:33 AM on Friday, September 15, 2006

It wasn't quite the party they have in their homeland, but about 100 Mexican Athenians wished the country a happy 196th birthday Thursday with a celebration in a largely Hispanic northeast Clarke County neighborhood.

The Biblioteca y Centro Educativo de la Communidad de Pinewoods, or the Pinewoods Estates North branch of the Athens-Clarke County Library, put on its first celebration of Día de la Independencia - Mexican Independence Day - for residents of the mobile home park off U.S. Highway 29.

"We have a big Hispanic community here," said Miguel Vicente, the library's director. "We try to bring everybody together."

The family-friendly event featured traditional food and music, face painting and a piñata - a far cry from the raucous parties marking independence in Mexico, which put American fireworks displays to shame. Cities are decorated in the national colors of red, white and green, and revelers wear shirts decorated with Mexican flags, said Naomi, a Pinewoods resident who declined to give her last name.

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"They make a big party with dancing, Mexican dancing, and then the mayor makes a huge speech," said Noe Mendoza, a Pinewoods resident and Mexican native.

The speech, given by Mexican elected officials from mayors to the president across the country, is a reenactment of the Grito de Dolores, which can be translated as both Shout from Dolores and Cry of Pain: "Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe! Death to bad government! Death to the Spaniards! Mexicans, long live Mexico!"

Legend has it that Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a parish priest in the small town of Dolores, made that speech on Sept. 16, 1810, when he declared Mexico's independence from Spain, capitalizing on Spain's preoccupation with its invasion by Napoleon-ruled France, said Pamela Voekel, a University of Georgia history professor. The speech probably is apocryphal, like the American story of George Washington cutting down the cherry tree, Voekel said.

"It's kind of like George Washington," she said. "Is that really true? Probably not, but that's what they say."

After the Grito, the party gets even crazier: Petty criminals are let out of local jails for the night, Mendoza said.

"After that, the party is en fuego," he said. "You can drink all you want. The next day, they catch you drinking, you go to jail."

The real legacy of Mexican independence, though, is not the party. It's racial equality, Voekel said. Hidalgo led a peasant army made up largely of American Indians and mestizos of mixed race, and declared an end to Spain's policy of a racial hierarchy with whites at the top, she said.

"It opened up the possibility of mobility in a new way," she said.

The library, which opened in March 2005, is helping Mexican Americans find that mobility again by offering classes in English speaking, computer literacy and art, Vicente said. About 120 people come to the library every day for classes or to check out books in Spanish and English, he said.

Pinewoods celebrated Mexican Independence Day on Thursday, rather than the 16th, because the library is not open on Saturday, Vicente said.

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Jill Seymour: Immigrants should observe U.S. holidays

| Story updated at 11:16 PM on Friday, September 22, 2006

The director of the Pinewood Estates North branch of the Athens-Clarke County Library should be encouraging Hispanic residents to participate and embrace this country's Independence Day instead of Mexican independence day (Story, "Putting on a party face/Immigrants show the colors on Mexican independence day," Sept. 15).

They should be encouraged to join with Americans at parades as we celebrate and wave the red, white and blue in honor of those who fought and died for the independence of the country they have chosen to call home.

They should embrace the customs, language and celebrations of their new country. Their former customs and holidays will continue to be celebrated in the country they chose to leave behind.

Jill Seymour

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Judith DeJoy: Library celebration was 'commonwealth' event

Story updated at 12:54 AM on Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Last Thursday evening's celebration at the Classic Center, a tribute to Frances and Upshaw Bentley organized by the Athens-Clarke County Library Endowment Board, was a beautiful testimonial to the success of the Bentleys' leadership in the first phase of the library's endowment fund campaign. The evening was filled with stories from the heart; the hard work of the many people who planned this special event was clearly evident.

What was not on the official program but also evident was the sense of dedication and commitment that pervaded the large room that evening - a commitment to our Athens-Clarke County Library and to the role of libraries in our communities, a commitment embraced by both individual citizens and our county government.

I recall a recent National Public Radio commentary on "All Things Considered" by Bill Harley, who spoke about how communities often struggle today to continue some of the shared services they continue to want but do not want to pay for, or pay more for. This led him to think about the meaning of commonwealth and the idea there are some things we can do together that we can't do apart and some resources that communities need to offer all their citizens. He spoke of the idea that "... an open library door paid for by all of us symbolizes the heart of what we say we hold dear. That's what commonwealth is."

That's what I witnessed last Thursday evening - that sense of effort for the common good - and I was proud to be part of the commonwealth of Athens.



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Libraries will switch to new online system

By Rebecca K. Quigley rebecca.quigley@onlineathens.com

Athens bookworms soon will be able to build reading lists, renew library books online and view covers and tables of contents with Athens Regional Library System's new computerized service.

On Sept. 5, Athens-area libraries will roll out the "Evergreen" version of PINES - Public Information Network for Electronic Services — the state's library access software.

As the library's software contract was coming to an end, library officials looked around for other programs that would suit both employees' and patrons' needs, said Julie Walker, PINES program director.

'A lot of the functionality (we wanted) was not in any commercial product," Walker said.

So, with permission from University System of Georgia

A member of the University

of Georgia engineering faculty

was appointed a research insti-

tution representative on a 22-

member energy policy committee formed by Gov. Sonny Per-

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Adams, director of the UGA

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officials, who oversee the state's public library system, a team of four in-house programmers developed Evergreen - an interactive online catalog system, she said. "It's going to remind people a lot of where they shop online," Walker said. With book reviews, chapter contents and shared reading lists with book clubs in mind, "it's going to be a lot like Amazon.com.'

Patrons also will be able to search for materials in more ways, renew materials online and enlarge text on the screen for better readability.

Patrons' account information automatically will transfer from the old into the new system, so they won't have to get a new library card, she said.

"We're maintaining everything. ... We're not losing any functionality," Walker said, adding that the new system will be easier to maintain and adjust since it was designed in-house.

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ALUMNI RECALL CULTURAL DIFFERENCI

But Neal figured while she was at it, she could find out more about what life was like on campus from the 1930s through the 1960s, and has even invited some of the oldest female alumnae back for a tea party with current female students, she said.

Beanie caps and a 10 p.m. curfew for freshmen, hitchhiking to get around town and no women allowed in the Varsity were just some of the cultural differences UGA students experienced in the 1930s and '40s, according to the survey.

Female students especially remembered the dances and military balls that featured big bands that played on campus, including greats like Tommy Dorsey and Kay Kyser.

UGA alumni who graduated in the '30s and '40s studied and partied like any other generation of students, but their lives were shaped by one of the toughest periods in the country's history from the Great Depression, Hitler's rise to power, Pearl Harbor and

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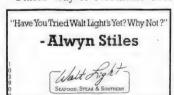
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"It's a team endeavor, just like gia. The goal amount is base we tell our (swimmers)," he said. "And the United Way's goal is to help people get to a point where they're not just surviving, but where they can enjoy life.'

The \$2,050,000 goal for 2006-07 is \$50,000 more than last year and will be used to help support 27 United Way charitable organizations in the seven area counties served by the United Way of Northeast Georgia — Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe, said Rubielen Norris, president of the United Way of Northeast Georrequests from the agencies. lowing the breakfast meeting. unteers split up for Day of Ca projects at a dozen locati where they assisted with ch including delivering meal home-bound residents, lands ing, painting, cleaning and pentry.

Members of the Atl Rotary Club finished help stock shelves at the Food Bar Northeast Georgia before n but other volunteer groups s most of the day on projects.

Eighteen workers with





A Foster's Favorite... ... AND A SOUTHERNER'S, TOO!

UGA professor appointed to state energy panel





SIGHTSANDSOUNDS

The dogs are out

A few years back, I lived on the side of town where, on home game days, It would not be out of the question to return home from a jaunt to the grocery store to find a strappy-dressed young lady vomiting in the yard or a khalis-clad young man urinating in the bushes — all while searching the street for a place to park so as to avoid a three-block walk heaving in the groceries.

I'm glad I don't live in that part of town anymore.

Happy game day!

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Anything but Common

Ashford Manor's Labor Day Concert on the Lawn features annual favorite

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Jucifer makes a little homecoming stop to blast off new CD, 'If Thine Enemy Hunger'

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'Idlewild' entertains with big names and a big show

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Entertainment highlights Sept. 3-9:

1936: Buddy Holly was born in Lubbock Texas.

1950: "The Hank McCune Show" became the first TV show to feature a laugh track.

1955: Bill Haley and the Comets turned down their first invitation to tour outside the U.S. because they were afraid of flying.

1962: "Monster Mash" by Bobby "Boris" Pickett made its debut on the charts.

1967: The stroom "The Flying Nun" debuted on ABC. Sally Field starred as a novice nun who discovers she can fly.

1972: Miles Davis premiered his new nine-piece band in New York. Unlike other bands Davis haddiformed, this one was comprised of mostly unknown musicians.

1987: "American Bandstand" was canceled after 30 years on TV.

1988: Actor Kevin Bacon married actress Kyra Sedgwick.

1991: Director Frank Capra ("It's A Wonderful Life") died at his home in California at the age of 94.

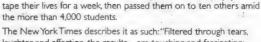
1995: Singer Chynna Phillips of Wilson Phillips married actor William Baldwin

1996: Rapper Tupac Shakur and record company executive Suge Knight were shot while driving in Las Vegas. Shakur died six days later.

2002: Kelly Clarkson was named the winner on "American Idol," beating out Justin Guarini and winning a recording contract.

Cinema at the library

While Athens anxiously awaits its art film theater, the Athens-Clarke County Library has been quietly showing a weekly offering of such films for free in its auditorium for its Thursday evening ifilms series. The films are available to check out after the screenings. Tonight's presentation, "Chain Camera" (2001) from filmmaker Kirby Dick, is a documentary that follows some 16 students from a Los Angeles high school. The project, "chain camera," started as ten students were given cameras to video-



laughter and affection, the results ... are touching and fascinating though, by their nature unilluminated by dispassionate analysis" to "provide a pungent, provocative slice of Americana."

The screening is tonight at 7 at the Athens-Clarke County Library, 2025 Baxter St. It's 84 minutes and not rated. For more information, call (706) 613-3650, and to see other films in the series, visit www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/.

Brought to you by the letter P

Savannah's Perpetual Groove wafts back through town on Saturday for a show at the Georgia Theatre. If you're unfamiliar, the band is known for its melodious funky, jam-based tunes.

Doors open at 9 p.m. with show time set for 10; tickets are \$15. Find out more at www.myspace.com/pgroove.

Big man on campus

Perhaps best known for his role in "Zoolander," comedian Godfrey, whose films also include "Soul Plane," "The Cook Out" and "Phat Girlz" will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5 in Georgia Hall at the Tate Student Center at the University of Georgia. The event is sponsored by University Union. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 day of show for UGA students; \$12 advance, \$14 day of show for non-students, and are available at the

Tate Student Center cashier's window. Call (706) 542-6396 for more information.





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By Rene Rodriguez McClatchy

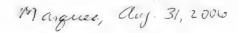
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The brainchild of Out Benjamin and Antwan A music-video director Bi "Idlewild" revolves speakeasy/brothel in 19 where lifelong friends Pjamin) and Rooster (Patto boisterous, besotted crow cal numbers at the club, o aren't nearly enough, a undisputed highlights, melding 30s-style jazz, sw with contemporary R&B and beautifully choreoj edited at a snappy MTV-le

More "Moulin Rouge Cotton Club," "Idlewild" concerned with paying h music of the period as it i and reinventing it to crea distinctly new. The same c the movie's period setting, primarily as an excuse for (the costuming and set dt standing), with little attet the historical and cultural all-black cast of upper characters.

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A TRIBUTE TO

FRANCES & UPSHAW BENTLEY

The Athens-Clarke County Library Endowment Board cordially invites you to a celebration in tribute to Frances and Upshaw Bentley

Thursday, September 14, 2006 at the Classic Center Ballroom 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

6:30-7:00 p.m. Reception and Cash Bar, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner & Program Business Attire

This event will also mark the official kickoff of the

Athens-Clarke County Library Endowment Fund Campaign, Phase II.

The Bentleys chaired Phase I of the Library's Endowment campaign.

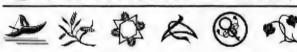
Contact Stacey Overstreet at the library for more information. soverstreet@athenslibrary.org, 706-613-3650, ext. 336

Tickets are \$50, \$15 of each ticket is tax-deductible.

Seating is limited. Spaces will be reserved in the order received.

Payment must be received by Friday, September 8.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY Endowment Fund



The Athens-Clarke County Library serves the education and information needs of people of all ages, economic, and cultural backgrounds.

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BRIDGING THE GAP

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Fernando Meza is a celebrated photographer and graphic artist. Born in 1955 and brought up on his father's rancho in the border town of Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Meza was heavily influenced in his work by the United States. Come to any of the following free programs to "Bridge the Gap" with Fernando and learn from his expertise.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m. - Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium, 2025 Baxter St., 706-613-3650 Modern Art and Education in Mexico lecture. Refreshments & music to follow the program.

Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 p.m. - Pinewoods Library and Learning Center, 465 US Hwy 29 N, Lot G-10, 706-613-3708

Photography workshop for families.

Wednesday, November 1 - Pinewoods Library and Learning Center

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Case de La Cultura workshop & studio activity for Spanish speakers.

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Day of the Dead program.

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - The Life of a Professional Artist in Mexico lecture at Lyndon House Arts Center, 293 Hoyt St., 706-613-3623

Sunday, November 5 - Lyndon House Arts Center

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Fiesta Hispana.

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Reception for Professor Meza & Photo Exhibit of student photos.



This program series is sponsored by the Athens-Clarke County Library, the Lyndon House Arts Center and ACC Leisure Services, UGA International Public Service and Outreach, and El Banco de la Oppotunidad. The series was made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency that grows and sustains a "Nation of Learners," because lifelong learning is critical to success.

This has been an interesting quarter. The Regents Public Library Advisory Committee has met several times to address the charge of the House Study Committee, chaired by Rep. Chuck Sims, to ensure accountability and success of public libraries. As a result of this charge, the RPLAC group has made the following recommendations:

1. Public Libraries will be audited by the State's Audit Department unless the system is a part of a governmental unit that is audited locally.

2. The funding formula will be changed to be uniformly fair to regional systems as well as single county systems. Whereas we now have 7 state paid positions, we would in the future have up to 11 positions assigned to the region. The Board could decide to convert positions for a cash grant which would be allocated regionwide.

3. Grants to public libraries for materials should be increased significantly.

These recommendations will be presented later in October to the full Study Committee and the Board of Regents. Two Regents serve on RPLAC. The recommendations, which will be more detailed in the presentation, have been unanimously endorsed by all members.

The Construction Committee has also met and will be presenting a proposal to the Office of Planning and Budget to change/update construction rules. These rules must be approved by OPB and the Governor's Office. Key to our project will be the following:

1. Grants for new construction and addition/renovation projects may be funded with up to \$5 million of state funding on a 50:50 basis.

2. System headquarters may add an additional 10% for regional infrastructure above the minimum square footage; those systems with Talking Books Centers will be eligible for additional space allowances for this service. [This is important because without these allowances, the ACCL exceeds "minimum standards" for space.]

A draft of the Building Program has been submitted for review by the State Library. The 20,000 square foot addition and total renovation was not included on the FY08 list of library projects but should be atop the list for FY09. [There were 9 projects ahead of ours that will comprise the FY08 list.] The Building Program will be refined as we work with the architects to develop the schematic design over the coming months; this is a part of the eligibility requirements for obtaining state funding.

Miguel Vicente and I have made several presentations about Pinewoods to various groups during the quarter. On our webpage is a month by month blog about our activities. In July, we presented a program at the BIG Conference [Bibliographic and Information Group] which was hosted by Emory University. Over 80 librarians attended this meeting and we spent 45 minutes answering questions about our partnerships,

volunteers, and educational programs following the presentation! [It would have gone on longer, but they were closing the cafeteria line!] In August, we hosted a group of visiting librarians from North Carolina who were interested in the Plaza Comunitaria application as well as the English as a Second Language Program. Finally, in September, we presented a program for the Georgia Library Association about the program.

In addition, I was one of 15 librarians from across the US to be invited to participate in a weeklong workshop by the Public Library Association in Pittsburgh entitled "Implementing Planning for Results." This intense workshop began on a Sunday evening and we worked through until late Friday afternoon. One of the highlights was visiting the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and their business library in downtown.

I was also able to visit the recently constructed Minneapolis Public Library and the historic St. Paul Public Library—quite a comparison! Minneapolis incorporates many of the marketing strategies that I hope we will be able to use as well. Signage was excellent and the internet café was delightful! I doubt that we will have gas fireplaces on each floor or baby grand piano practice rooms, however.

Longtime employee Clare Auwarter has accepted the position of Branch Manager for the Oconee County Libraries [Watkinsville and Bogart] and we have just hired Trudi Green as the new head of Adult Services. Trudi begins next Monday, Oct. 16. She is currently head of reference in Tallahassee but her mother lives in Athens. Prior to going to library school, she worked for the Banner Herald.

The quarter includes finalizing the Annual Report to the State [due next Monday], a short turn-around book grant for children's materials, and the end of summer reading programs. East Athens and Lay Park report increased use and special tutorial help for the children residing nearby. Volunteers helped children throughout the summer work on their reading skills and focused on helping them maintain their comprehension skills over the summer. They will continue to work with children throughout the year.

The transition to Evergreen went fairly well with some rough spots. Overall, the public seems happy with the intuitive nature of the system and the ability to place holds from home. Staff still has some concerns, but the State folks are working out these problems. At this time, the reporting functions are not working correctly and we are finding that Evergreen requires more computer memory which is slowing down response times. On the other hand, we have just gotten our third T-1 line for Athens which is helping speed up overall response time with other applications.

I hope you will be able to attend the Sally Reed program on Nov. 17 in Decatur. It should be helpful as we begin to build justification for our 2008 budget request to the county!

IMLS Report, Year II Athens-Clarke County Library: A Place Where Everyone Belongs!

Goals for Year II included:

- Provide art instruction and other cultural programming for the Pinewoods community
- Continue collection development featuring well known Latino authors, children's literature, Spanish language reference materials, and AV items
- Curate exhibit of Mexican artists
- Travel exchange between sister institutions
- Continue outreach programs including computer classes, parenting and health programs, and bilingual story times
- Build new partnerships within the community

Desired Outcomes:

- The Latino population will benefit from using the library's programs, services, and resources
- The Library will help improve student performance in school through a cooperative tutorial program
- Latinos will participate in Library and Museum programming
- Provide opportunities for cultural exchange through Family to Family program

Major Needs Identified and Addressed:

- English language proficiency
 - 1. ESOL classes expanded to additional persons
 - 2. Spanish language classes offered to community
- Sense of community meeting place
 - 1. Met with Advisory Committee regularly
 - 2. Health programs offered
 - 3. Established links to Spanish language webpages
 - 4. Translated library brochure
 - 5. Offered multiple classes in art, education, computer skills
- Reliable sources of information
 - 1. Bilingual story times
 - 2. Participated in community fairs and at chicken plants
 - 3. Offered workshops about library resources
 - 4. Ongoing Spanish language learning opportunities for non-native speakers
- Better understanding between communities
 - 1. Educated communities about multicultural communities and resources
 - 2. Provided seminars about services
 - 3. Crash courses offered in Spanish
 - 4. Staff who are culturally sensitive
 - 5. Holiday celebrations at Pinewoods

Issues and Challenges for Athens Staff

Staff availability for training Effective communications Receptivity Marketing training

Who are our Partners?

- Lyndon House Arts Center
- Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library
- CLASE
- LACSI
- International Public Service and Outreach
- College of Public Health, Athens Regional Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital
- The Mexican Consulate, Atlanta
- All Latino Organizations
- The Hispanic Media
- El Banco de la Opportunidad
- Clarke County School District
- Catholic Social Services
- 4-H
- Family Connection and Community Connection
- Many local businesses
- ACC Police and Sheriff's Departments
- And many more!

Numbers and more numbers:

Circulation: 7512 plus 12,284 books read in the library = 19,796

Computer Use: 9,337

Reference Questions: 5,909

Programs include 184 children's programs and 322 adult programs with a total attendance of 6,311

1020 Volunteers provided 769 hours of help. This will increase during the 2006-07 school year as we have 24 volunteers from UGA College of Education who are working daily with middle school children; as the year progresses, more children will be added to the program with space becoming a serious issue! We are meeting with CLASE to assess the situation as the Library is becoming extremely crowded after school.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATION FOR A FINANCIAL GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS PROGRAM

BETWEEN

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
AND
THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. PURPOSE

- A. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and others as may be agreed to, provide the basis for cooperative efforts between the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (UGACC) and the Athens-Clarke County Library Board of Trustees (ACCLB), (the Parties) for the development of an Application to the Georgia Public Library Capital Outlay Grants Program requesting financial assistance for the expansion and associated renovation of the Athens-Clarke County Library located on Baxter Street in Athens, Georgia.
- B. This MOA incorporates the collaborative efforts of both parties for the mutual benefit of all agencies and the general public. Specifically, this document establishes an understanding and agreement related to the roles of each party in conducting the following principal steps leading to a completed Grant Application:
 - Development of required procurement documents for the purpose of soliciting formal proposals for the engineering and technical design necessary to complete the Application;
 - b. Management of the procurement process including the advertising, the receipt and evaluation of proposals, and the selection and award of a contract to a qualified firm for the necessary engineering and design services;
 - c. Management and administration of the awarded contract for the engineering and technical design services;
 - d. Final review and approval of the technical design plans and completion of the Application;
- C. This MOA also establishes cost accountability required to complete the Application and, specifically, the process for the utilization of SPLOST 2005 Program funds related to the necessary engineering and technical design to be used in the Application;
- D. The further purpose of this MOA is to establish agreement of what each party is offering at this time and does not represent a legally binding document.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. Citizens of Athens-Clarke County voted on November 2, 2004, to approve a referendum for the continuation of a SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) Program which allows for the collection of a one-cent sales tax to fund community projects. The expansion and renovation of the Athens-Clarke County Library located on Broad Street in Athens, Georgia, was approved as Project (026) of that SPLOST Program (designated as SPLOST 2005).
- B. The Athens-Clarke County Library Board of Trustees is pursuing additional funding beyond those funds available by the SPLOST 2005 Program for the expansion and renovation work. Specifically, the ACCLB is developing an Application for a \$2,000,000 grant from the Georgia Public Library Capital Outlay Grants Program.
- C. The Application requires that preliminary architectural, engineering and technical design be completed for the expansion and renovation work, and specifically detail the suitability of the existing facility structure for such expansion, hereinafter reteredreferred to as Phase I work. This Phase I design work is inclusive of all design work that must be completed to satisfy the Application must be completed by June 2007 to support the Application filing. Additionally, this Phase I work must be acquired and managed in accordance with State requirements and with all ACC requirements for the utilization of SPLOST funds.
- D. The SPLOST 2005 Program Implementation Plan provides for funding of the Library expansion and renovation beginning in July 2008. Prior to this date there are no SPLOST funds available to utilize for engineering and technical design services.

III. ROLES OF THE PARTIES

- A. UGACC supports the ACCLB in pursuing the additional State funds. To also insure the compliance with all SPLOST and ACC requirements during the development of the Application, the UGACC will assign a Project Manager at this time and provide additional staff assistance as necessary to perform the following tasks on behalf of the ACCLB;
 - a. Draft and complete the necessary procurement documents for the purpose of soliciting formal proposals for the engineering and technical design necessary to complete the Application; these documents will be developed in accordance with the state requirements and designed to insure compliance with UGACC conditions relative to the SPLOST Program.
 - b. UGACC staff will assist the ACCLB in the advertising for proposals and evaluation of proposals to provide the engineering and technical design necessary to complete the Application.
 - c. UGACC staff will, on behalf of the ACCLB, manage and administer the awarded contract to include oversight of the work progress, coordination and communication with the designer for all reviews and approval actions, and administration of pay request.

- B. The ACCLB will perform review and provide approval of the procurement documents, and will be the advertising party soliciting proposals for the engineering and technical design necessary to complete the Application.
- C. The ACCLB will be the responsible party for final selection of a designer, subject to concurrence by UGACC staff, and for establishing a contract with the selected designer for the Phase I work.
- D. The ACCLB will perform review and provide approval, upon recommendation of UGACC staff, of the engineering and technical design necessary to support the Grant Application. The approved design shall be consistent with SPLOST 2005 Project # 026 scope statement and a construction budget, less contingency, of approximately \$6.2 million.
- E. The ACCLB will be the responsible party for providing all funds to acquire and complete the engineering and technical design services required of the Grant Application, and make payments directly to the designer.
- F. The UGACC will provide SPLOST funding beginning in July 2008 at which time such funds may be utilized by the UGACC to reimburse the ACCLB for all related design costs associated with Phase I. This usage of funds to reimburse the ACCLB is contingent upon UGACC Mayor and Commission approval of the design and related documents produced in Phase I design work to support the Application.

IV. MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

- A. Since this MOA is not a legally binding document, each party, at any given time, shall notify the opposite party that their desires have altered and what, if any, changes have been made at their earliest possible convenience.
- B. This MOA may be withdrawn at any given time by either party. The withdrawing party shall notify the opposite party at their earliest possible convenience.

V. APPROVED:

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County

Signed:		Date:	
By: Alan Reddish	Title: Manager		
Athens -Clarke County Lib	rary Board of Trustees		
Signed:		Date:	
By: Kathryn Ames	Title: Director		

PASSPORT SERVICES DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND POLICIES

- 1. The Athens-Clarke County Library shall serve as a Passport Acceptance Facility and work in cooperation with the United States Passport Agency.
- 2. Passport services are designed to provide passport information and passport application assistance to all United States citizens and nationals who wish to obtain a passport. The United States Department of State enforces strict guidelines for passport applications. The Library makes every effort to see that your application be approved and processed in a timely manner by encouraging you to fill out the application fully and clearly. Failure to do so can cause delays in receiving your passport.
- 3. Athens-Clarke County Library is an application acceptance facility and does not issue passports.
- 4. The State Department requires the following documents of all applicants:
 - a. Positive proof of identity, any one of the following:
 - Previous U.S. Passport
 - ♦ Birth certificate
 - ◆ Certified birth certificate or certified copy of birth certificate issued by an office of vital statistics or registrar of deeds.
 - Valid driver's license
 - ♦ Official military identification card

In addition, the following are required:

- ♦ Social security number
- Two identical passport photos meeting size requirements
- ◆ Check or money order to be made to the U.S. Department of State of \$55 per adult and \$40 per application by a minor \$67 per adult and \$52 per application by a minor (under age 16). No credit cards accepted.
- Payment of \$30 executive fee to Athens-Clarke County Library for each application, no credit cards accepted. Payment should be cash, check or money order to the Library.
- 5. Athens-Clarke County Library is not responsible for any attempted fraud through the following means:

Altered birth certificate
Lying under oath
Attempted kidnapping of child
Child support payments arrears

- 6. Athens-Clarke County Library takes no responsibility for payment of passport fees. Passport fees are non-refundable.
- 7. Passport applications for an individual(s) are NOT public records and should be maintained as confidential information.

- 8. Applications and fees shall be locked in a safe until taken daily to the post office for mailing. Only copies of daily transmittal lists shall be kept locked for internal tracking purposed and to assist the Passport Agency in locating and accounting for applications. These shall be kept for at least one year.
- 9. The Reference Desk (second floor) will accept U.S. Passport applications. Hours for this service are Monday-Thursday, 9am-8pm and Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding days the Library is closed). Saturday, 12-5pm and Sunday, 2-5pm. Please allow at least 15 minutes per application so that all applications are completed before closing time. Applicants with hand-carry applications, i.e., for people requiring passports in two weeks or less, it is advised that they phone ahead of time to let Reference staff know what time they will be coming to the library.
- 10. All first-time applicants must apply for passports in person using form DS-11. Both parents must sign the application (DS-11) for any child under age 14. The child must be present regardless of age. If both parents cannot be present, a statement of consent from the absent parents must be presented (DS-3053) and notarized. All applicants, regardless of ages, must appear in person.
- 11. Renewals of valid U.S. passports may be handled yourself by mail, provided your passport is no more than 15 years old, and you were over the age of 16 when it was issued.

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"Libraries Can't Live on Love Alone"

Featuring **Sally Gardner Reed**Executive Director, Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA)

Libraries enjoy the love of many in their communities but not necessarily their **active** support. Friends and other library supporters can and **should** be leaders in changing that! Learn how to turn love into effective advocacy so that Georgia libraries can get the funding they need to be successful in the 21st century.

Date:

Friday, November 17, 2006

Time:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place:

Decatur Library Auditorium, 215 Sycamore Street

Directions: http://www.dekalblibrary.org/branches/deca.htm

Registration Fee:

\$30 for FOGL members

\$40 for non-members (includes membership for 2007)

About the Speaker:

Sally Gardner Reed is the executive director for Friends of Libraries U.S.A., a national association that provides support, education and consultation to local Friends of libraries groups for increasing and maximizing their support for libraries. Reed is the author of seven books on library management, advocacy, volunteers, and fundraising and numerous articles for professional library journals. She has presented programs and workshops to over 200 Friends of Library groups and librarian groups nationally and internationally. Reed is the 2000 recipient of ALA's Herbert and Virginia White Award for promoting libraries and librarianship.

You're Also Invited...

...to a networking event and welcome reception for Sally Reed:

Date:

Thursday, November 16, 2006

Time:

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Place:

Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur

Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday night, November 16, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur. Please call 404-371-0204 or 800-972-2404 and mention "Friends of Georgia Libraries" or FOGL" to reserve a room.

For a registration form, go to www.georgia-friends.org.

"Libraries Can't Live on Love Alone" Registration Form

Name		
Address:		
City:	State:_	Zip:
Phone (h):	(w):	(cell)
E-mail:		
Name of your local Friend	ls of the Library group:	
Dutch treat din Workshop—Frid	ner in Decatur following l day, November 17, 10 a.m	n. to 4 p.m.
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Books

Local Authors
Coffee
Desserts
Silent Auction

Cafe Au Libris

Friday, Nov. 3, 2006 7 - 9 p.m. at the Athens-Clarke County Library

Guest Authors: Philip Lee Williams, author of In the Morning: Reflections From First Light, John McCormack, author of Santa Makes Housecalls: Christmas Stories from a Country Vet, Kemp Jones, author of F.O.L.L.O.W.: The Story of a Lost Cat, Found Cat, Lost Cat, Found Cat...?, and Jim Miles, author of Weird Georgia

Join us for a unique evening of books, local authors, delicious coffees and desserts, live music and a silent auction of gift baskets with a literary flair! Mingle with local authors as they sign and discuss their latest books.

Hosted by Elizabeth Curtis. Music by Julianne & Stephen King.

oks will be available for purchase. Mastercard, Visa, cash and check accepted. All proceeds benefit the Library. Admission is free.

Call the Library at 613-3650, ext. 307 for more information.

Bedtime Stories Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

We welcome all ages for a program of lively participation and fun with Jackie Elsner. Kids come in pajamas, bring pillow and parents. In Storyroom. No Bedtime Stories on Oct. 30th, this will be One Spooky Night.

Storytime Every Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 18 months through 5 years, plus their adult caregiver. Please come early to make a nametag for your child. Beth Deroshia conducts Storytime on Tuesdays, and George Webber conducts Storytime on Wednesdays. In Storyroom.

Infant Storytime Mondays, September 11 and 25 October 9 and 16 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Story program for newborns up to 24 months, plus their caregivers. Lively time of sharing books, songs, puppets and nursery rhymes with George Webber. Program begins with books and rhymes for 15 - 20 minutes, then play time for 20 minutes with the Parent/Child Workshop infant toys. In Storyroom.

Spanish Storytime
Wednesdays, September 6 and 20
and
Wednesdays, October 4 and 18
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Join Nicol and Maria, staff from the Pinewoods Biblioteca, for a thirty minute storytime conducted in Spanish. Families welcome. In Storyroom.

County Library to make visits by young children both memorable and enjoyable.

Library staff cannot assume responsibility for the care of unsupervised children in the library. Therefore, it is library policy that all children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult while in the library. Thanks for helping us keep your children safe

while they enjoy their library visits.

It is the desire of the Athens-Clarke

Athens-Clarke County Library 2025 Baxter Street Athens, Georgia 30606

Athens-Clarke County Library



Children's Events Sept. & Oct. 2006

The Library will be closed Saturday, September 2 - Monday, September 4.



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www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us
Dial-a-Story - 613-3656

Chess for Kids

Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Grades 1-5. Meet in the Storyroom with Beth Deroshia to learn the basics of this cerebral board game and to show off your strategy if you already know how to play. Beginning September 7.

Pam Alexander Illustrator of the Yumion Book Series Monday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join Ms. Alexander for a presentation about Yumion, the Onion Ambassador, as she tells about this sweet Vidalia Onion's adventures in historical Georgia places. In Auditorium. Books will be available to purchase in The Library Store for autographing.

Parent/Child Workshop Thursdays, September 14 - October 12 10:00-11:15 a.m.

In person pre-registration begins August 24. Our library is a Family Place Library, a center for early childhood information, parent education, and family support. As part of Family Place, these workshops are available for children ages 1-3, plus their caregivers. We'll provide toys, music, art activities, and a different community resource guest each week. Due to limited space, in-person pre-registration is required. In Storyroom.

Banned Books Week September 23 – 30

Learn about challenged and banned books on display in the library. Celebrate your freedom to read!

Read to Rover Sunday, October 1st, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. (20 min. session per child)

Beginning readers in Grades 1 - 4 read aloud to dogs! Preregister at the Children's Desk for a 20 minute reading session. Children can experience the fun of reading to a loving and patient canine listener. Participating dogs are in training with the Canine Companions for Independence organization. All dogs are highly trained, fully insured and in the company of their trainer at all times. Young readers help prepare these extraordinary dogs for their



future job of working with children or adults who have physical disabilities.

Cartoon Classes Saturdays, Sept 9, 16, and 23 10 – 11:30 a.m.

For ages 8 – 12. Pre-registration is required. Register in person at the children's desk, or call 706-613-3650 x 314. These classes are FREE. Attendance at all three classes is required. Taught by Master Cartoonist John Sheppard of Shep Art Studios. In Storyroom.

September 9: Session 1: Learn to draw character faces, differences between realistic illustration and cartooning, simple emotions and facial directions. Class exercise will be to draw TV cartoon characters.

September 16: Session II: Learn to construct a body using "stick figures" and the "8 head concept" to portray the action and perspective you need. Class exercise will be to draw super heroes.

September 23: Session III: Learn to draw hands. A great drawing with poorly drawn hands makes the entire drawing look bad. Students will also draw their names in American Sign Language (ASL).

Georgia Children's Book Awards Programs for Home School Students

The Georgia Children's Book Award was established in 1968 by Sheldon Root, a professor at the University of Georgia. The purpose of the award is to foster a love of reading in the children of Georgia, and to introduce them to books of literary excellence.

The award is given in two categories - picture books and novels - and is chosen from a list of titles suggested by a committee of librarians, teachers, and children's literature specialists. The books receiving the most votes from children in grades K-4 (picture book category) and 4-8 (novel category) are the winners.

In 2005, the Athens-Clarke County Library joined hundreds of Georgia schools who participate in the Georgia Children's Book Awards. We have every book on this year's nominee list: 20 picture books and 20 novels.

Voting takes place here in the library in March, 2007. Ballots will be tallied to produce one winner in each category for our Library. These two winners will be submitted to the state-wide vote. Winners will be announced in April, 2007. Young readers must read, or listen to, at least ten of the twenty storybooks to be eligible to vote. Older readers must read, or listen to, at least three of the 20 nominated novels to be eligible to vote.

Picture Storybook Nominees: Book Readings and Craft Projects

Tuesdays September 5, October 3, and October 17, 10:30 a.m.

For home school students in preschool through grade 3. In Small Conference Room. Children will create drawings, crafts, and art projects based on the GCBA picture books.

Novel Nominees: Book Discussions

Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. Runt by Dane Bauer

Tuesday, October 10, 10:30 a.m. Funerals and Fly Fishing by Mary Bartek

For home school students in grades 4-6. In Small Conference Room.

Students must have read the book and be prepared to join a book discussion. Pre-register at Children's Desk or by phone.

Athens Community Council on Aging Harvest Festival

Friday, October 6, 11:00 a.m.

The Children's Area will present "The Mouse Princess and Sulky Cat" puppet show at the community center at 135 Hoyt Street. Please call 706-549-4850 for more information about the festival.

Kemp Jones and F.O.L.L.O.W. Musical Program Monday, October 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join local musician and writer Kemp Jones and his picture song/storybook, F.O.L.L.O.W.: The Story of a lost cat, found cat, lost cat, found cat..?

Audience members will help F.O.L.L.O.W. find a home, and sing about the good times with "a boy named Stone." Copies of the book will be on sale in the Library Store (\$16.95) for autographing. All Ages.

In Auditorium.

One Spooky Night Monday, October 30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat throughout the Library for non-food prizes in every public department. Sponsored by The Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library. Costumes are encouraged.

7:00 p.m. Halloween Shadow Puppet show The House That Drac Built and spooky stories

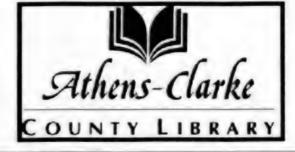
for the youngest of our trick-or-treaters. Adult caregiver must be present. All ages. In Auditorium.

Just for Teens Ages 11-18.

Wednesdays at 4 DM
When Clarke County School
is in session.

Join us for cool crafts, awesome art, and great games. We might... make masks, feng shui charms, or troll horns; play Pictionary or Taboo; but we will definitely have fun! Limited to the first 15 teens. FREE!

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http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us



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Sat., January 6, 2007

Featuring Nationally Acclaimed Storytellers

Donna Washington Kevin Kling Tim Ereneta

2006 Recipient of J.J. Reneaux Emerging Artist Grant

The Historic Seney-Stovall Chapel
201 North Milledge Avenue Athens, Georgia



10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

FREE storytelling concert w/ Donna Washington



1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Box office open for ticket sales



2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Afternoon concert with featured tellers



6:30 p.m.

Box office open for ticket sales



7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Evening concert with featured tellers

Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, go to http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us/stitching.html \$10 - Full Day \$6 - Afternoon \$7 - Evening For more information, call (706) 613-3650, ext. 314



J.J. Reneaux Festival Tellers

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Looking for an hour of YARN and Conversation?

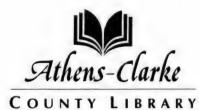
The Young Adult department at the Athens-Clarke County Library is proud to sponsor a knitting and crochet club. The Yarn Club is open to **all ages** and all levels of experience. Whether you have been knitting and crocheting for years or have never picked up a ball of yarn, we want you to join us.

Join the YARA CLUB!

The Yarn Club will meet in the YA department every

3rd Friday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30.

Bring your knitting, crochet, or other needlework projects.



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Special Needs Library of Northeast Georgia

2025 Baxter St Athens, GA 30606 706.613.3655 800.531.2063 specialneedslibrary@athenslibrary.org

October 5, 2006

The Special Needs Library is proud to announce that our Outreach Coordinator, Amber Wilkerson's efforts have paid off. In the time period of July through October we have signed up 10 new deposit accounts and 59 new total patrons. This is an all time high for us and we applaud her efforts of getting the word out about our wonderful library service for the blind and physically handicapped. We want to offer quality leisure time activity to as many people and places that need our specialized service and Amber is doing a wonderful job of reaching that population.

September marked the kickoff of our monthly "Senior Cinema". We target our assisted living accounts with the library and give them a new reason to visit the library by showing a movie from our described video collection. The narration of the film allows visually impaired and sighted individuals to enjoy the same movie. We serve refreshments and just want them to have fun.... October is Disability Awareness Month and Special Needs is partnering with local organizations Vistas and Multiple Choices to host Described Video Night.....a family fun event focusing on visual impairment. We will have interactive information about disabilities and we will also serve refreshments and give out door prizes.

In closing we circulated 16,467 talking books and videos to our visually and physically impaired patrons. We strive to build that patron base and to keep them enjoying the reading activity which they otherwise could not enjoy.

July - September 2006 Special Needs Outreach

29 visits * 124 phone calls * 135 info packs sent * 1 program

Activities:

1. Presentations/Visits:

- Clarke County School District Special Education Department
- Multiple Choices ADA Celebration
- Courtyard Gardens Assisted Living (Lawrenceville)
- Lawrenceville Senior Center
- 7 Libraries
- Buford Senior Center
- Belmont Village Assisted Living (Suwanee)
- Lanier Gardens Assisted Living (Athens)
- Lakeview Manor Retirement Home (Madison)
- Walton County Senior Center
- Iris Place Retirement Community (Athens)
- Cottages of Monroe Retirement Community (Monroe)
- 2 Ophthalmologists
- Arbor Terrace Assisted Living (Athens)

2. Programming:

Senior Cinema

3. Other Activities:

- Making phone calls to new target sites (assisted living facilities, nursing homes, eye care professionals, etc) to make contacts/set up presentations
- Large Print rotation
- Expanding advertisement of Senior Cinema
- Planning Disability Awareness Program with Multiple Choices and VISTAS
- Visiting local businesses to ask for donations to give away as door prizes and to buy supplies for Disability Awareness Program
- Set up rotation schedule for books for deposit accounts
- Promoting NLS Music service
- Completed and delivered teacher packets for all special education teachers in Clarke County

Family Night at the (Described) Movies

Described Videos are movies designed for visually-impaired viewers



Join us for our BIG MOVIE PREMIERE October 24, 2006 6:00pm

Movies will be shown in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium



Refreshments will be provided!

All movies are family-friendly and free!!

The Special Needs Library introduces...

Senior Cinema



A monthly movie event!



Join us in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium for refreshments and a showing of a descriptive video!

Our next movie will be Casablanca October 5 at 2:00pm!



For more information, call (706) 613-3655 or 800-531-2063

Circulation Statistics FY2007

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	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	52,481	52,053	54,412	61,427	56,169	53,509	53,491	56,063
August	47,218	47,525	45,419	49,293	46,784	47,914	52,103	51,182
September	41,387	43,002	*41,353	47,240	48,377	47,886	46,997	•
October	43,845	45,942	47,122	57,452	50,682	49,784	47,474	
November	42,818	42,981	45,608	45,848	47,586	48,175	45,990	
December	34,062	35,233	35,416	37,140	39,831	39,598	36,808	
January	44,353	45,612	46,477	46,254	47,850	48,081	47,340	
February	44,795	. 43,846	46,153	45,418	46,870	46,113	47,215	
March	47,750	48,111	49,845	49,447	51,329	50,688	48,100	
April	44,551	43,275	49,952	47,080	44,599	45,468	43,983	
May	43,412	43,311	48,281	48,821	45,217	46,441	47,019	
June	56,060	57,630	57,337	61,775	60,061	59,790	59,460	
TOTALS	542,732	548,521	526,022	597,195	585,355	583,447	575,980	
In-House U	se		496,860	443,508	379,730	342,732	193,349	
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*PINES system down 18 hours

Athens - Materials Reshelved After Use

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		1,703	2,486	1,974	2,260	3,099	553	
August		2,727	1,498	2,239	2,328	2,404	537	
September		2,012	2,150	2,678	2,505	2,092	210	
October		2,515	2,723	3,116	2,352	2,306	1,728	
November		1,956	*1,995	2,295	1,787	2,048	1,962	
December		1,378	1,554	2,091	2,284	1,959	1,687	
January	1,369	2,014	1,626	2,293	2,045	2,062	1,240	
February	2,331	1,975	2,467	2,335	2,736	2,219	2,314	
March	2,521	2,281	2,784	2,308	3,397	2,220	2,052	
April	2,408	2,254	2,781	2,541	2,433	1,617	1,921	
May	1,796	2,042	2,328	2,466	2,278	353	2,682	
June	2,207	2,295	2,241	2,113	2,860	476	4,331	
TOTALS	12,632	25,152	24,638	28,449	29,265	22,855	21,217	

*Prior to Nov, 2002, In-house figures were included in Athens Circulation

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	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	961	877	1,174	1,295	1,616	1,294	. 1,116	1,468
August	773	857	909	1,026	1,103	1145	902	1,104
September	660	577	2,543	1,006	1,216	829	714	•
October	681	578	738	990	990	963	921	
November	629	697	723	1,097	874	998	1,430	
December	497	487	479	618	1,137	771	667	
January	579	970	598	760	922	777	1,052	
February	507	912	818	771	743	797	1073	
March	641	929	818	927	1,096	817	1,152	
April	370	613	676	706	807	636	811	
May	512	753	1,139	1265	973	784	1,137	
June	709	925	1,544	1018	1,407	1473	1,669	
TOTALS	7,519	9,175	12,159	11,479	12,884	11,284	12,644	
In-house Us	se			11,596	3,562	3640	2,743	

	Bookmobile	Э					=> / 0000	EV 0007
	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	1,668	1,684	1,905	3,391	397	342	157	524
August	1,346	1,558	581	1,078	262	317	173	683
		1,449	13		286	49	173	
September	921	1,547	829		2,174	323	1,616	
October		832		1,530	219	217	1555	
November							1261	
December						135		
January	1,276							
February	876							
March	1,074				•			
April	1,234	1,282						
May	757	935	1,075	1,558				
June	2,457	1,589	559	194	377			
TOTALS	15,615	14,523	15,234	20,076	8,154	2,891	10,292	

	East Athens Resource Center								
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007				
July		133	978	492	1,194				
August		80	454	478	274				
September		234	34	265					
October	33	917	1,124	518					
November	9	426	218						
December	193	585	34						
January	158	635	828						
February	227	538	41	577					
March	148	533	391	340					
April	129	837	413						
May	111	578	589						
June	52	777	580						
TOTALS	1,060	6,273	5,684						
In-House U	Jse 639	10,166	9,204	2,626					

Lay Park Resource Center									
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007				
July		137	3,549	686	1,428				
August		73	990	398	666				
September		382	543	257					
October	4	381	644	1058					
November	49	385	538	358					
December	238	423	475	746					
January	167	373	497	888					
February	112	124	395	773					
March	160	177	999	1004					
April	127	139	533	1343					
May	118	172	1,077	1222					
June	44	3,894	1,066	2304					
TOTALS	1,019	6,660	11,306	11037					
In-House	Jse 999	13,988	6,396	6,656					

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	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July		440	274
August		977	171
September		341	
October		303	
November		1285	
December		141	
January		334	
February		145	
March	110	539	
April	603	147	
May	744	117	
June	664	2743	
TOTALS	2,121	7512	
In-House Us	e	12.284	

Minutes Athens Regional Library Board October 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Prokasy at 3:32. Present were Ms. Gothard and Mr. Miller (Franklin County); Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Jones (Oglethorpe County); Ms. Stratton and Mr. Zimmerman, (Oconee County); Ms. Dunn, Ms. Lane, and Mr. Timmons (Athens-Clarke County); Ms. Coutant and Mr. Ingram(Madison County). Mr. Mathis was excused. Ms. Luke, and Mrs. Murray were absent. Mr. Andrews, because of his absences is no longer a member of the board. Staff present were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Simonds, and Mrs. Blake, who recorded the minutes. Keith Sanders, SPLOST manager from Athens-Clarke County was also present

The minutes of July 20, 2006 board meeting were unanimously approved as mailed on a motion and second from Mr. Ingram and Ms. Lane.

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion and second from Ms. Stratton and Ms. Dunn. There were no members of the public present.

The first quarter FY07 financial report was given for information by Ms. Simonds. All local boards have met and their information is the same as received then. Regionally we are at 24.9% for revenues and 23% for expenditures. All regional office supplies have been ordered and those funds account for the large expenditure in supplies.

A staff report was given by Gail Firestone, Assistant Director of Youth Services, who gave the statistics on a successful Summer Reading Program. Every site got \$605 from a regional LSTA grant to spend on materials, puppets, etc. to enhance their programs. At the end of the summer we got an unexpected bonus from the same source of \$3,300 for family literacy. Books for parents, music on CD, lots of picture books and a series of books for teens were ordered to get each branch going in the "Every Child Ready to Read" program which is a regional endeavor.

Regional Reports followed from each county.

Oconee County: Ms. Stratton reported that the summer reading program was a big success. The Gates Grant will add over the fiscal years '06 and '07, 22 new computers. Clare Auwarter, formerly an Assistant Director at Athens-Clarke County, has been hired as the new Branch Manager. The Board of Commissioners requested that she be presented to them and she made an excellent presentation of the library's goals.

Franklin County: Ms. Gothard reported an exciting presentation given by a designer with ideas of how to re-do the children's areas of both libraries with SPLOST money. In Royston there is a 3 stage plan to see how far the money will stretch as new carpet is needed throughout. Lavonia Library had a book sale at the Fall Festival and Royston will have one at the end of the month. Friends of the Library are looking forward to redecorating.

Madison County: Mr. Ingram reported that statistics were up and that they'd had a lot of donated materials. There is a Grassroots Arts grant storytelling program on October 27. A new teen book discussion group is going well. Big news: Danielsville is about to go wireless. Renovation is about 95% complete. The first week in December they will have an Open House and all are invited.

Athens-Clarke County: Ms. Lane noted that the Building Committee had selected an architectural group. An Endowment fund-raising event honoring Frances and Upshaw Bentley cleared almost \$8000. The nominating committee has selected Jo Ellen Childers as the new Vice-Chairman, and she, Ms. Lane, would be taking over as Chair at the January meeting.

Oglethorpe County: Mr. Shapiro stated that his was the only library in the system with no specialist in computers, or children's. Branch Manager, Jan Burroughs does it all. She's also working on her MSLS and when she's got that degree, they won't be able to pay her enough to keep her. Their funding is still a no, but they are hoping to get through this fiscal year by depleting the reserve account. The Friends have purchased a new copy machine for the library. There will be a book sale the second week of November.

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The Director's written report was discussed. She noted the House Study Committee's recommendation about encouraging regional systems to stick together. She also gave statistics from the annual report we just turned in. Circulation is down which may partly be a reflection of the reduction in the materials grant and also because the Bookmobile is no longer on the road. Board members were urged to attend the FOGL presentation on November 17. Special Needs Center outreach efforts were noted.

Old Business

- 1. Mr. Mathis has taken pictures of the Bookmobile and is seeking estimates of its value as a camper or for a craftsman or handyman. A special grant at the end of the year allowed us to purchase the Sprinter delivery van.
- 2. Ms. Simonds explained the findings in the FY 2005 audit. Three of the notes and findings from the last two years will be taken care of by hiring Shayla Hill, who will do the bank reconciliation and remove separation of duties finding. The Capital Assets Finding was because the state spreadsheet we were told to use was in error. American Fundware, our accounting software vendor is having software problems. We are looking into joining a consortia of Blackbaud users.
- 3. Personnel Committee Mrs. Stratton reported that the Committee had met and revised the Director's Evaluation Form. The revised form was unanimously accepted. The Committee also decided to continue the Random Drug Testing Program but recommended reimbursing employees for mileage to and from the testing site. This too was unanimously approved on a second from Mr. Jones.
- 4. Mr. Prokasy noted that the Executive Committee had met and sent a letter to the director with a laudatory review for her service during the past year.

New Business

- 1. ACC SPLOST contract was discussed by Keith Sanders. He brought the regional board up to date on what had occurred to this point in the addition/renovation of the Athens-Clarke County library building. After some discussion Mr. Prokasy was authorized to sign a contract with architects Craig, Gaulden and Davis for Phase I work not to exceed \$211,000 on a motion and second from Mr. Timmons and Mr. Shapiro.
- 2. Mr. Prokasy named a Nominating Committee to seek Executive Board officers for the next two years. They will report at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Kathryn S. Ames. Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY AGENDA October 19, 2006

Call to order.

Review and approve minutes of July 20, 2006

Public Comment (5 minute limit)

Adopt Agenda.

Financial Report.

Staff Report: Gail Firestone, Youth Services

Regional Reports.

Director's Report.

Old Business.

1. Bookmobile - Logan Mathis

a. Replacement

b. Disposal

- 2. Audit Report FY2005 Action Plan Mamie Simonds
- 3. Report from Personnel Committee- Janet Stratton
- 4. Director's Evaluation- Bill Prokasy

New Business.

ACC SPLOST contract - Keith Sanders

Authority for Bill Prokasy to sign architectural contract for Phase I, addition/renovation project for Athens-Clarke County Library, not to exceed \$211,000

Nominating Committee for Executive Board

(the chair asks Fran Lane to serve as Chairman; Phyllis Luke and Wayne Miller to serve on the committee)

Other Business.

Adjourn.

Announcements:

"Libraries Can't Live on Love Alone" - FOGL Presentation by Sally Reid, November 17, 2006

Next Meeting: January 18, 2007

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006

	Budget	Amount		% of Budget
Revenue:	Amount	Received	Balance	Received
<u>Regional:</u>				
Outreach	103,400.00	25,900.00	77,500.00	25.05%
Interest	4,000.00	545.26	3,454.74	13.63%
Personnel	628,121.34	157,030.34	471,091.00	25.00%
Materials	123,916.46	30,979.12	92,937.34	25.00%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	33,637.08	100,911.23	25.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	35,859.75	107,579.55	25.00%
Totals	1,137,425.41	283,951.55	853,473.86	24.96%
Athens-Clarke County:				
Board of Commissioners	1,556,584.00	389,146.02	1,167,437.98	25.00%
City of Winterville	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	0.00%
Fines and Fees	88,075.00	23,037.30	65,037.70	26.16%
Interest	6,000.00	131.01	5,868.99	2.18%
Totals	1,663,659.00	412,314.33	1,251,344.67	24.78%
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Franklin County: Board of Commissioners	20,000,00	7 500 00	22 200 00	25.000/
Board of Commissioners Board of Education	30,000.00	7,500.00	22,500.00	25.00%
Cities of Lavonia, Royston, Canon	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	0.00%
Carnesville & Franklin Springs	30,351.00	3,875.01	26,475.99	12.77%
Fines and Fees	6,000.00	1,986.12	4,013.88	33.10%
Totals				
Totals	96,351.00	13,361.13	82,989.87	13.87%
Madison County:				
Board of Commissioners	154,929.00	38,737.25	116,191.75	25.00%
Fines, Fees and Copy Machines	11,000.00	2,889.26	8,110.74	26.27%
Totals	165,929.00	41,626.51	124,302.49	25.09%

Athens Regional Library July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006

Revenue:	Budget Amount	Amount Received	Balance	% of Budget Received	
Oconee County:					
Board of Commissioners	315,429.00	78,857.25	236,571.75	25.00%	
Board of Education	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	0.00%	
City of Watkinsville	8,000.00	- 1	8,000.00	0.00%	
City of Bogart	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	0.00%	
Fines and Fees	25,500.00	6,924.56	18,575.44	27.16%	
Totals	389,929.00	85,781.81	304,147.19	<u>22.00</u> %	
Oglethorpe County:					
Board of Commissioners	46,500.00	11,625.03	34,874.97	25.00%	
Board of Education	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	0.00%	
City of Maxeys	200.00	-	200.00	0.00%	
City of Crawford	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%	
City of Arnoldsville	100.00	-	100.00	0.00%	
Ctiy of Lexington	500.00	-	500.00	0.00%	
Fines and Fees	8,500.00	3,894.57	4,605.43	45.82%	
Meeting Room	300.00	60.00	240.00	20.00%	
Transfer from Reserve	6,515.00		6,515.00	0.00%	
Totals	78,115.00	15,579.60	62,535.40	<u>19.94</u> %	
GRAND TOTALS	3,531,408.41	852,614.93	2,678,793.48	24.14%	

Athens Regional Library FY2007 July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006

Expenditures:	Budget Amount	Amount Expended	Balance	% of Budget Expended
Regional:				
Wages/Benefits Courier & Kidmobile	8,228.00	2,073.99	6,154.01	25.21%
Bookmobile/Van Operating & Repairs	6,810.00	2,608.89	4,201.11	38.31%
Summer Reading Club	4,000.00	788.26	3,211.74	19.71%
Staff Development Day	1,500.00	788.20	1,500.00	0.00%
Debt Collection Service	15,000.00	2,962.45	12,037.55	19.75%
Workers Compensation	12,000.00	459.29	11,540.71	3.83%
Professional Fees Drugfree Workplace	12,000.00	444.00	(444.00)	
Mobile Telephone (Bookmobile)	300.00	-	300.00	0.00%
Postage	7,000.00	2,743.00	4,257.00	39.19%
Travel	7,000.00	237.35	6,762.65	3.39%
Printing and Publicity	2,000.00	162.00	1,838.00	8.10%
Dues/Registration	2,000.00	598.00	1,402.00	29.90%
Computer Maintenance	2,420.00	-	2,420.00	0.00%
Insurance	17,142.00	-	17,142.00	0.00%
Supplies	22,000.00	9,916.17	12,083.83	45.07%
Personnel	628,121.34	157,030.34	471,091.00	25.00%
Materials	123,916.46	9,572.51	114,343.95	7.72%
System Services Grant	134,548.31	33,637.08	100,911.23	25.00%
Special Needs Learning Center	143,439.30	38,840.21	104,599.09	27.08%
Totals	1,137,425.41	262,073.54	875,351.87	23.04%
Federal Grants:				
LSTA Summer Reading Program Grant	6,650.00	6,650.00	-	100.00%
LSTA Family Literacy Grant	48,029.40	48,029.04	0.36	100.00%
IMLS Pinewoods Grant	56,331.07	56,331.07	-	100.00%
Athens-Clarke County:				
Outreach	44,000.00	11,000.00	33,000.00	25.00%
Personnel	1,399,763.00	324,216.02	1,075,546.98	23.16%
Operating Expenses	219,896.00	47,275.40	172,620.60	21.50%
Totals	1,663,659.00	382,491.42	1,281,167.58	22.99%

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Director's Report October 19, 2006

Audit Report 2005

You should be receiving the Audit Report for 2005. There were several findings and I wanted to let you know that we have taken action to correct most of them. Because many of the issues regarded "separation of responsibility," our Corrective Action Plan included hiring a third person to work in the Business Office whose main responsibilities will address this finding and timeliness issues. Shayla Hill is an accounting student at UGA and will handle all bank reconciliations and deposits.

We continue to have software problems with American Fundware and have begun discussions to join a consortium using the industry standard Blackbaud software. GPLS [Georgia Public Library Service] has agreed to host the hardware for this system and over 20 public library systems have indicated interest in forming the accounting consortium. The library system will be responsible for a share of the annual maintenance and upgrade costs, but we would have had to pay this for our existing software. Many of the issues that we were cited for are created by the Fundware software and experienced by other libraries as well. Blackbaud seems to generate far fewer problems and should also address the capital assets findings as well.

Following a discussion with Ben Riden who is in charge of library audits, we learned that even though the Endowment is its own 501[c]3 organization, it must be reflected on our audit as a discrete presentation. This will be reflected in the future. At this time, no Friends organization meets the "materiality" standard of having more than 3% of the agency's total budget so they will not be reflected.

Audit 2004

For the Audit of 2004, the key again was the "separation of responsibilities" issue along with a finding that we misused LSTA funding. I have contested this as the money at issue was a federal grant for the development of a business collection. We asked for and received approval for an extension of a software subscription through Jan. 2005. I reported this in the final report of the grant as well. However, the auditors claim that it is not allowable to extend a subscription beyond the federal grant period and that we should return the funds. We have returned the funds, but continue to protest this finding as this seems to be no where in any regulations and that GPLS authorized the subscription.

RPLAC

The Regents Public Library Advisory Committee [RPLAC] has met several times to address the charge of the House Study Committee, chaired by Rep. Chuck Sims, to ensure accountability and success of public libraries. As a result of this charge, the RPLAC group has made the following recommendations:

- 1. Public Libraries will be audited by the State's Audit Department unless the system is a part of a governmental unit that is audited locally.
- 2. The funding formula will be changed to be uniformly fair to regional systems as well as single county systems. Whereas we now have 7 state paid positions, we would in the future have up to 11 positions assigned to the

region. The Board could decide to convert positions for a cash grant which would be allocated regionwide.

3. Grants to public libraries for materials should be increased significantly.

These recommendations will be presented later in October to the full Study Committee and the Board of Regents. Two Regents serve on RPLAC. The recommendations, which will be more detailed in the presentation, have been unanimously endorsed by all members.

Construction

The Construction Committee has also met and will be presenting a proposal to the Office of Planning and Budget to change/update construction rules. These rules must be approved by OPB and the Governor's Office. Key to our project will be the following:

1. Grants for new construction and addition/renovation projects may be funded with up to \$5 million of state funding on a 50:50 basis.

2. System headquarters may add an additional 10% for regional infrastructure above the minimum square footage; those systems with Talking Books Centers will be eligible for additional space allowances for this service. [This is important because without these allowances, the ACCL exceeds "minimum standards" for space.]

A draft of the Athens Building Program has been submitted for review by the State Library. The 20,000 square foot addition and total renovation was not included on the FY08 list of library projects but should be atop the list for FY09. [There were 9 projects ahead of ours that will comprise the FY08 list.] The Building Program will be refined as we work with the architects to develop the schematic design over the coming months; this is a part of the eligibility requirements for obtaining state funding.

Pinewoods

Miguel Vicente and I have made several presentations about Pinewoods to various groups during the quarter. On our webpage is a month by month blog about our activities. In July, we presented a program at the BIG Conference [Bibliographic and Information Group] which was hosted by Emory University. Over 80 librarians attended this meeting and we spent 45 minutes answering questions about our partnerships, volunteers, and educational programs following the presentation! [It would have gone on longer, but they were closing the cafeteria line!] In August, we hosted a group of visiting librarians from North Carolina who were interested in the Plaza Comunitaria application as well as the English as a Second Language Program. Finally, in September, we presented a program for the Georgia Library Association about the program.

Planning for Results

I was one of 15 librarians from across the US to be invited to participate in a weeklong workshop by the Public Library Association in Pittsburgh entitled "Implementing Planning for Results." This intense workshop began on a Sunday evening and we worked through until late Friday afternoon. One of the highlights was visiting the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and their business library in downtown.

Minneapolis and St. Paul

I was also able to visit the recently constructed Minneapolis Public Library and the historic St. Paul Public Library—quite a comparison! Minneapolis incorporates many of the marketing strategies that I hope we will be able to use as well. Signage was excellent and the internet café was delightful! I doubt that we will have gas fireplaces on each floor or baby grand piano practice rooms, however.

Personnel

Longtime employee Clare Auwarter has accepted the position of Branch Manager for the Oconee County Libraries [Watkinsville and Bogart] and we have just hired Trudi Green as the new head of Adult Services. Trudi began work on Monday, Oct. 16. She was head of reference in Tallahassee and her mother lives in Athens. Prior to going to library school, she worked for the Banner Herald. Trudi's first challenge is to finalize a large traveling exhibit on Alexander Hamilton which will open in January.

Evergreen

The transition to Evergreen went fairly well with some rough spots. Overall, the public seems happy with the intuitive nature of the system and the ability to place holds from home. Staff still has some concerns, but the State folks are working out these problems. At this time, the reporting functions are not working correctly and we are finding that Evergreen requires more computer memory which is slowing down response times. On the other hand, we have just gotten our third T-1 line for Athens which is helping speed up overall response time with other applications.

FOGL

I hope you will be able to attend the Friends of Georgia Libraries program featuring Friends of Libraries USA President Sally Reed on Nov. 17 in Decatur. It should be helpful as we begin to build justification for our 2008 budget request to the county!

IMLS Grant

Finally, I would like to invite you to one of many programs that will be taking place during a visit with our guest artist, Fernando Meza, of Xalapa, Mexico. He is a well respected photographer and graphic artist and will be here courtesy of our IMLS grant and many local sponsors including Friends of the Library, El Banco de la Oportunidad, UGA International Public Service and Outreach, and the Clarke County School District.

Guadalajara International Book Festival

Three librarians in our system have been awarded grants from the American Library Association to participate in this international book show: Judy Atwood, Clare Auwarter and Kathryn Ames. ALA provides funds for travel, hotel, food, and registration. We will be selecting books in Spanish and bilingual materials for several locations within the system.

FY 2006 Annual Report Statistics, ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

	Athens	Winterville	E. Athens	Lay Park	Pinewoods	Royston	Lavonia	Madison	Bogart	Watkinsville	Oglethorpe	Bookm.	Totals	FY2005	% Change
County Population	100,302					21,858		28,799		30,318	14,213		195,490	195,214	0.14%
Square Ft.	63,000	2,000	800	800	1,344	5,264	3,377	10,200	3,700	17,500	7,300) -	115,285	115,285	0.00%
# Computers	208	8	3	3	14	19	15	28	12	2 50	23		384	382	0.52%
Child Comp	30	1	2	2	12	3	2	4	4	11	4	(75	75	0.00%
FTE staff	64.25	0.75	0.75	0.5	2.25	2.75	1.75	5.5	3.25	5 9	3.5		95.25	85	10.76%
Registrations	45,336	437	125	65	121	2,725	2,200	5,412	1,400	9,499	3,286	753	71,359	63,340	11.24%
Circulation	633,970	12,644	7,671	11,037	7,512	33,155	18,342	66,629	35,316	136,913	37,088	16,126	1,016,403	1,054,681	-3.77%
Visits	608,995	5,843	3,767	6,061	13,889	50,899	38,765	75,834	49,474	161,539	62,244	4,382	1,081,692	901,102	16.70%
Reference ?	87,360	1,190	1,084	5,735	5,909	9,228	3,713	42,067	10,684	28,435	12,827	-	208,232	160,742	22.81%
Volunteers	184	35	-	11	522	16	11	19	8	153	11	-	970	930	4.12%
Print Collec.	199,808	7,840	2,638	2,816	1,371	14,905	10,849	31,437	13,148	45,555	21,360	4,382	356,109	355,965	0.04%
AV Collec.	13,702	990	96	79	129	598	589	2,504	1,523	3,459	1,396	-	25,065	22,870	8.76%
Computer Users	217,463	2,677	1,396	1,274	9,337	13,021	9,461	25,123	5,495	40,113	12,672	-	338,032	301,999	10.66%

Financial Information	FY06	FY06 FY05	
Local Totals	\$2,078,790	\$1,988,946	\$0.04
Local In Behalf	\$292,283	\$317,304	(\$0.09)
State Funds	\$956,078	\$895,049	\$0.06
Federal Funds	\$56,331	\$75,013	(\$0.33)
Total Funding	\$3,383,482	\$3,276,312	\$0.03

Local Expenditures per Capita	10.63
Total Funding per Capita	17.31
Circulation per Capita	5.20
Collection Size per Capita	1.95

Athens Regional Library Personnel Committee September 21, 2006

Present: Ms. Stratton, Chair; Ms. Dunn and Mr. Shapiro. Mr. Andrews was absent. Mrs. Blake recorded the minutes.

Ms. Stratton called the meeting to order at 3:30.

The first item dealt with the Director's Evaluation form. At the October board meeting, a revised form will be recommended to the board. The committee focused on those questions that board members had answered "don't know" on the prior evaluation. Mr. Shapiro pointed out that some of the questions are about things the board has no way of knowing without input from staff. No one was aware of the way to get this input fairly. Ms. Dunn thought there were too many questions. The Committee went through each question and amended some and deleted others. The result is the attached revised evaluation form.

The second issue before the Personnel Committee dealt with random drug testing. The Committee decided to leave the present policy in place but added that reimbursement for mileage should be given to employees who are already given library time to take the test.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Athens Regional Library
Director Evaluation
Annual Performance Appraisal Form

Revised 9/21/06

	1	2	3	4	5
1. The director understands and implements the mission of the 12.	Needs Work	Satisfactory	Successful	Exceptional	Don't Know
1. The director understands and implements the mission of the library.					
2. The director appropriately involves the board in matters of policy					
and governance.					
3. The director provides information to the board in the formulation of					
of policies and in decision-making.					
4. The preparation for board and committee meetings is adequate.					
5. The director's philosophy concerning library services is in accord					
with the board as a whole.					
6. The director keeps the board informed about library activities.					
7. The director encourages board development by creating an					
environment where board members may participate in appropriate					
activities such as planning board orientation sessions, recommending					
attendance at seminars, offering board development workshops.					
8. The director provides the necessary leadership.					
9. The director is creative is solving problems.					
10. The director sets goals for the library and facilitates strategic plannin	g.				
11. The director understands the needs of the organization's patrons and				1	
seeks to fill those needs with programs and services.					
12. The director stays current about new ideas and current trends in					
libraries.					
13. The director seeks input and involvement from other community					
agencies					
14. The director is involved to an appropriate extent in professional					

associations and other library activities.		
15. The director is informed about the financial needs of the library		
and provides the board with accurate financial records.		
16. The director ensures that organization funds are spent appropriately.		
17. The director ensures that all governmental and legal requirements		
of the library are met.		
18. The director has caused identifiable improvement to be made in the		
library during the past year.		
19. The director works as an advocate for the organization before		
government agencies and the general public.		
20. The director takes the initiative to increase job-related skills		
through training, conferences, networking or other creative means.		
21. The director communicates effectively both verbally and in writing.		
22. The director seeks and accepts advice and constructive criticism.		
23. The director conducts him/herself in an ethical manner.		

F. Meza Visit: Oct 28, 2006 - Nov 6, 2006

Sat, Oct 28	Professor Fernando Meza & Mtra. Bertha Cecilia Murrieta
Nancy- transport	Cervantes arrive to ATL airport Check in at the Hampton Inn
Sun, Oct 29	
	3-4 Talk at Athens-Clarke County Public Library "Mexican Art and Culture" by Prof. Fernando Meza 4-5 Reception with music to begin and end the event and food
Mon, Oct 30	10:30 Cedar Shoals High School Visit
	12-1 LACSI talk "Una visión sobre Frida y Diego"
Tue, Oct 31	8:50 visit to Clarke Central High School
	1 visit Burney Harris Lyons
	6-7 Photo Clinic at Pinewood Estates Community Learning Center "Dibujando con luz"- Miguel Vicente, coordinator
Wed, Nov 1	11-1 Casa de La Cultura at the LHAC
Día de Los Muertos	4:30-6 Program at Pinewood Estates North Community Learning
Gail Firestone transport (afternoon)	Center with the children- Miguel Vicente, coordinator 7:30-9 LHAC lecture for Photo Guild, Art Assc. "El tiempo en el camino- Fernando Meza"
Thu, Nov 2	8-10:45 UGA Advanced Printmaking Course "DiLaMISO- an alternative lithographic process by Fernando Meza"
UGA Day	11-12:15 UGA Revolutionary Mexico course visit: "Una visión sobre Frida y Diego"
	2:00-4:45 UGA Advanced Painting Class w/ Joe Norman (Rm. 122 Visual Arts)
Fri, Nov 3	10-11 Interview with Enfoque Latino
(cameras returned)	
Sat, Nov 4	Studio Visits
(review photos)	
Sun, Nov 5	
	2-4 Fiesta & Photo Exhibit from Pinewood Workshop at Lyndon House Art Center 4-6 Community Reception honoring Fernando Meza at LHAC with
14 11 6	refreshments Check out of the Hampton Inn
Mon, Nov 6	Fernando Meza and his wife depart Athens to ATL

Special Needs Library of Northeast Georgia

2025 Baxter St Athens, GA 30606 706.613.3655 800.531.2063 specialneedslibrary@athenslibrary.org

October 5, 2006

The Special Needs Library is proud to announce that our Outreach Coordinator, Amber Wilkerson's efforts have paid off. In the time period of July through October we have signed up 10 new deposit accounts and 59 new total patrons. This is an all time high for us and we applaud her efforts of getting the word out about our wonderful library service for the blind and physically handicapped. We want to offer quality leisure time activity to as many people and places that need our specialized service and Amber is doing a wonderful job of reaching that population.

September marked the kickoff of our monthly "Senior Cinema". We target our assisted living accounts with the library and give them a new reason to visit the library by showing a movie from our described video collection. The narration of the film allows visually impaired and sighted individuals to enjoy the same movie. We serve refreshments and just want them to have fun... October is Disability Awareness Month and Special Needs is partnering with local organizations Vistas and Multiple Choices to host Described Video Night.....a family fun event focusing on visual impairment. We will have interactive information about disabilities and we will also serve refreshments and give out door prizes.

In closing we circulated 16,467 talking books and videos to our visually and physically impaired patrons. We strive to build that patron base and to keep them enjoying the reading activity which they otherwise could not enjoy.

July – September 2006 Special Needs Outreach

29 visits * 124 phone calls * 135 info packs sent * 1 program

Activities:

1. Presentations/Visits:

- Clarke County School District Special Education Department
- Multiple Choices ADA Celebration
- Courtyard Gardens Assisted Living (Lawrenceville)
- Lawrenceville Senior Center
- 7 Libraries
- Buford Senior Center
- Belmont Village Assisted Living (Suwanee)
- Lanier Gardens Assisted Living (Athens)
- Lakeview Manor Retirement Home (Madison)
- Walton County Senior Center
- Iris Place Retirement Community (Athens)
- Cottages of Monroe Retirement Community (Monroe)
- 2 Ophthalmologists
- Arbor Terrace Assisted Living (Athens)

2. Programming:

• Senior Cinema

3. Other Activities:

- Making phone calls to new target sites (assisted living facilities, nursing homes, eye care professionals, etc) to make contacts/set up presentations
- Large Print rotation
- Expanding advertisement of Senior Cinema
- Planning Disability Awareness Program with Multiple Choices and VISTAS
- Visiting local businesses to ask for donations to give away as door prizes and to buy supplies for Disability Awareness Program
- Set up rotation schedule for books for deposit accounts
- Promoting NLS Music service
- Completed and delivered teacher packets for all special education teachers in Clarke County

The Special Needs Library presents...

Senior Cinema



A monthly movie event!



Join us in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium for refreshments and a showing of a descriptive video!

Our next movie will be Breakfast at Tiffany's November 2 at 2:00pm!



For more information, call (706) 613-3655 or 800-531-2063

Family Night at the (Described) Movies

Described Videos are movies designed for visually-impaired viewers



Join us for our BIG MOVIE PREMIERE October 24, 2006 6:00pm

Movies will be shown in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium



Refreshments will be provided!

All movies are family-friendly and free!!

Books



Cafe Au Libris

Griday, Nov. 3, 2006 7 - 9 p.m. at the Athens-Clarke County Library

Guest Authors: Philip Lee Williams, author of In the Morning: Reflections From First Light, John McCormack, author of Santa Makes Housecalls: Christmas Stories from a Country Vet, Kemp Jones, author of F.O.L.L.O.W.: The Story of a Lost Cat, Found Cat, Lost Cat, Found Cat...?, and Jim Miles, author of Weird Georgia

Join us for a unique evening of books, local authors, delicious coffees and desserts, live music and a silent auction of gift baskets with a literary flair! Mingle with local authors as they sign and discuss their latest books.

Hosted by Elizabeth Curtis. Music by Julianne & Stephen King.

Books will be available for purchase. Mastercard, Visa, cash and check cepted. All proceeds benefit the Library. Admission is free.

Call the Library at 613-3650, ext. 307 for more information.



"Libraries Can't Live on Love Alone"

Featuring **Sally Gardner Reed**Executive Director, Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA)

Libraries enjoy the love of many in their communities but not necessarily their **active** support. Friends and other library supporters can and **should** be leaders in changing that! Learn how to turn love into effective advocacy so that Georgia libraries can get the funding they need to be successful in the 21st century.

Date:

Friday, November 17, 2006

Time:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place:

Decatur Library Auditorium, 215 Sycamore Street

Directions: http://www.dekalblibrary.org/branches/deca.htm

Registration Fee:

\$30 for FOGL members

\$40 for non-members (includes membership for 2007)

About the Speaker:

Sally Gardner Reed is the executive director for Friends of Libraries U.S.A., a national association that provides support, education and consultation to local Friends of libraries groups for increasing and maximizing their support for libraries. Reed is the author of seven books on library management, advocacy, volunteers, and fundraising and numerous articles for professional library journals. She has presented programs and workshops to over 200 Friends of Library groups and librarian groups nationally and internationally. Reed is the 2000 recipient of ALA's Herbert and Virginia White Award for promoting libraries and librarianship.

You're Also Invited...

...to a networking event and welcome reception for Sally Reed:

Date:

Thursday, November 16, 2006

Time:

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Place:

Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur

Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday night, November 16, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 130 Clairmont Avenue, Decatur. Please call 404-371-0204 or 800-972-2404 and mention "Friends of Georgia Libraries" or FOGL" to reserve a room.

For a registration form, go to www.georgia-friends.org.

"Libraries Can't Live on Love Alone" Registration Form

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Athens, GA 30606-3196

Once Upon a Time... Vacation Reading Program

Once Upon a Time...Vacation Reading Program encourages children and families to keep reading during the summer months. There is much evidence that continued reading over the summer contributes to maintaining skills.

Who is it for?

Kids from newborn to age 11. Children leaving the fifth grade can choose to participate in the reading program in either the Children's Area or the Young Adult Area. Visit each and decide which one you like best.

How do I sign up?

Plck up a Once Upon a Time... Reading folder and bookmark at the Children's Area desk. Write down the names of books you read, or how many hours you read this summer. Earn prizes by reading the required number of books or hours. Decide if you want to count the number of books you read, or the number of hours spent reading. We have one set of prizes for each reader.

Read 10 books or 10 hours: Your nametag goes up on the bulletin board. Choose a dragon, castle or a knight on horseback!

Read 20 books or 20 hours: You earn the *Once Upon a Time... Vacation Reading* certificate and sticker.

Read 30 books or 30 hours: You earn a glow-in-the-dark Celestial Pinwheel.

Read 40 books or 40 hours: You earn a paperback book provided by First American Bank and Trust Company. Young readers will receive Good Night, Good Knight by Shelley Moore Thomas and older readers will receive Dragons (A Stepping Stones book) by Lucille Recht Penner.

Keep reading and your nametag will move around the Children's Area bulletin board toward the 100 books or 100 hours reading destination. The Library will host a party on July 27 for all readers who reach 100 books or 100 hours.

You can read anything you like; books, magazines, or audiobooks on any subject are acceptable. You can read books from home; they don't have to be library books. Pre-readers earn certificates by having others read to them. When older children read to younger kids, both children earn credit for the program. Please present your folder to our staff to receive prizes.

Camps can participate in the Vacation Reading Program. We will provide camp leaders with materials for each camper. When campers read 30 books or 30 hours, they can come to the library for their Celestial Pinwheel.

Groups are welcome at programs, but must phone in advance to (706) 613-3650, ext. 314 with number of participants. First priority will be given to groups from Athens-Clarke, Oglethorpe, Oconee, Madison & Franklin Counties. While we occasionally provide Library space for outside reading tutors to conduct their sessions in study rooms, the Library is unable to offer individual or group reading instruction.

Raffle and Book Prizes sponsored by



FIRST AMERICAN

First American Bank and Trust Company is partnering with Once Upon a Time... Reading Program. Each child who reads 40 books or 40 hours receives a free paperback book, either Good Night, Good Knight by Shelley Moore Thomas or Dragons (A Stepping Stones book) by Lucille Recht Penne. In addition, three grand prizes will be raffled off on Saturday, August 5 at Family Fun Day. There will be one grand prize for each age range: 0-4 years old, 5-11 years old, and 12-18 years old. Each grand prize winner will choose from a menu of cultural and entertainment opportunities such as UGA sporting events, classes offered by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Good Dirt, Canopy Studio, Chuck E. Cheese party, movie tickets and more. Children enter the raffle by checking out books and placing their name in the drawing boxes between May 18 - August 2. Participating sites: Athens-Clarke County Library, Winterville Library, East Athens and Lay Park Resource Centers, Oglethorpe County Library, Madison County Library, Oconee County Libraries in Watkinsville and Bogart, and Pinewoods Biblioteca.

Special Needs Library of Northeast Georgia patrons invited to join Once Upon a Time... Reading Program.

All children with special needs are welcome to join the Vacation Reading Program and attend programs in the Children's Area. Call ahead to help us accommodate your child's special needs at our programs. Individuals with a visual impairment or reading disability may count Talking Books and audiobooks toward the Vacation Reading Program. For more information, contact the Special Needs Library at 706-613-3655. There will be a sign language interpreted puppet show on Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.

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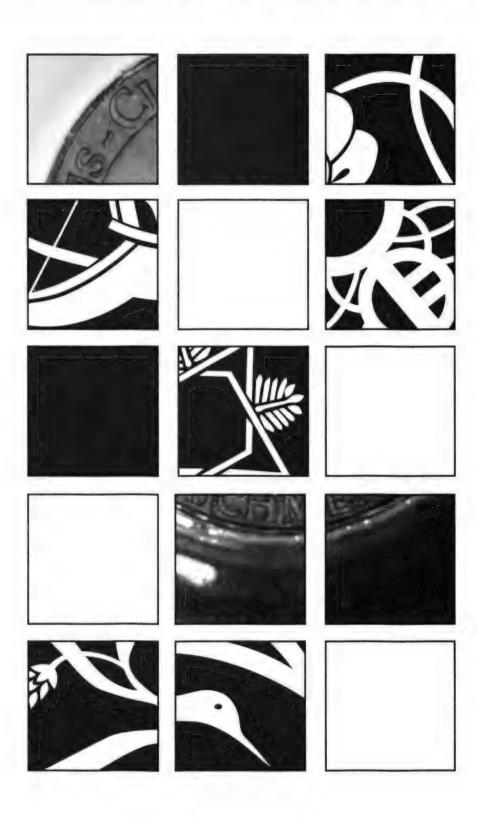
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Athens-Clarke County Library
May 18 - August 2, 2006
Children's Area

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It is the desire of the Athens-Clarke County Library to make visits by young children both memorable and enjoyable. Library staff cannot assume responsibility for the care of unsupervised children in the library. Therefore, it is library policy that all children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult while in the library. Thanks for helping us keep your children safe while they enjoy their library visits.

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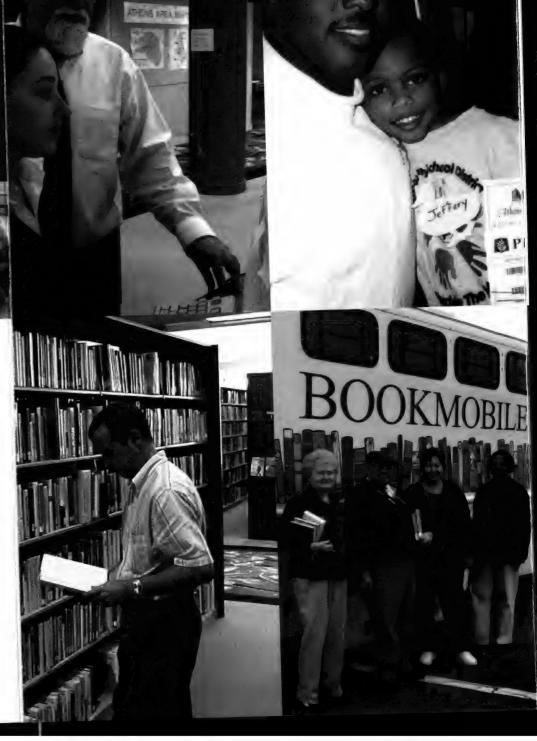
For Our Valued Patrons

Publisher's Note

For almost a century, the Athens-Clarke County Library has embraced its role as a visionary leader in the provision of library services to the residents of the area. Your library has made significant strides in its mission to provide open access to education, enrichment and lifelong learning for every member of our community. The library is proud to have earned an outstanding reputation as one of the top libraries in the state.

Libraries exist through public funding, but private gifts and community support allow them to flourish and achieve excellence. To meet the needs of our community and the opportunities of tomorrow, the board of the Athens-Clarke County Library established the Endowment Fund to receive and administer contributions that benefit the library for the people of Clarke County and the surrounding areas.

Endowment funds provide a permanent source of income to meet the library's various needs. Funds will continue to grow and generate interest for the vital expansion and upgrading of materials and the provision of public programs that will enrich the lives of current and future patrons. We raised over \$500,000 in the first phase of the Endowment campaign. The interest from these funds has allowed the library to create a music collection, to present the Stitching Stars Storytelling Festival, and to expand the children's, young adult and adult collections.





Prologue

Coping with society's wealth of information and today's ever-changing technology is a difficult challenge. SPLOST has helped to supplement our book budget but community demands are much greater than the current budget can provide. The Athens-Clarke County Library seeks to inform, enrich, and empower every individual in the community. The library serves the education and information needs of people of all ages, economic, and cultural backgrounds. This vital resource depends, in part, on the generosity of donors who want to help the library meet the needs of their fellow Athenians.



Illustrations

Just as the library makes a difference in the lives of countless members of our community, your gift to the Endowment can make a difference to the library and its thousands of users. The Endowment Fund will ensure the future quality of the library and its ability to keep pace with the information age and ever-changing technology. With the completion of phase two of the Endowment campaign, interest from the \$300,000 goal will enable us to purchase books and materials for the following areas:

HERITAGE ROOM - \$50,000

Local lineage, historical and genealogical societies, and individuals have collaborated with the Heritage Room's staff to build a growing research collection for local history, Georgia history, and genealogy. In spite of support both monetary and material from the community, the Heritage Room is still unable to meet the demands of users. In particular, the African American and Native American resources need expansion and refinement.

YOUTH SERVICES - \$50,000

The Athens-Clarke County Library partners with parents and caregivers to raise a community of readers. The future of the country and our area is dependent on the literacy and character of our young people. Your library must meet the informational needs of thousands of children and young adults with a strong reading collection, inventive programming, and extensive access to educational materials on computers.

Business Collection/Services - \$50,000

Effective, profitable businesses must have reliable information when problem solving and making business decisions. Experts agree that entrepreneurship and small business development are crucial to the U.S. economy. Local businesses need and deserve resources that assist them in getting started, marketing, selling, expanding and locating vendors for their products.

MEDIA COLLECTION - \$50,000

Our community is known for its dynamic and varied arts — theatre, visual arts, literature and music. Art encourages creative thinkers and high achievers. The expansion of the LaGrange DuPree Music Collection and our film, DVD and audiobook collections will provide an opportunity for us to rejoice in our diversity and deepen our sense of culture and art, bridging generational and cultural gaps.

GENERAL COLLECTION/ACQUISITIONS - \$100,000

From the person who reads for recreation and enrichment to the person seeking specific information, our library must provide current and diverse literature and non-fiction. The classics and contemporary literature are a journey into other lives and other cultures, while expanding the reader's own self-awareness. The non-fiction collection includes a broad range of autobiographies, histories, how-to manuals, and health, legal and parenting handbooks that serve a multitude of needs. Keeping this information up-to-date is not only important, but can be crucial.



Epilogue

Your gift to the Athens-Clarke County Library Endowment Fund, Inc. is a gift to everyone in the community. A strong Endowment is the only way the library can continue to provide the high level of service that our community deserves.

Questions and Answers

- **Q:** Why does the Athens-Clarke County Library need an endowment campaign? To prevent the library from losing its standing of excellence in the state, leaders of the community decided to initiate the Endowment Fund so the library can continue to meet the needs of users into the future.
- Q: As a tax supported institution, why does the library need to raise corporate, foundation, and individual dollars? The state-allotted book budget is in severe jeopardy—it has fallen from 60 cents per capita to 35 cents per capita. That restricts the collection of books to just over a thousand new titles yearly. When Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds are no longer available, patrons will see a marked decrease in the quality and quantity of books and resources offered at the library. Local government provides no funding for the collection. Our current materials budget is completely inadequate for a library with one of the highest use counts in the state—there were over 622,000 visits to the Athens-Clarke County Library in 2005 alone.
- Q: What will the Endowment do? The Endowment creates a perpetual fund to meet the current and future collection needs of the library.
- Q: How much did the Endowment board raise in Phase One? The Endowment Board raised over \$500,000 from 1997 to the present. The library was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant which promised a matching grant of \$150,000 if the endowment could raise \$300,000. The fundraising exceeded the challenge grant.
- Q: What is the Endowment's Phase Two goal? The Phase Two goal is \$300,000. The interest from this money will be used in the following areas: Heritage (\$50,000). Youth Services (\$50,000). Music Collection (\$50,000). Business Collection/Services (\$50,000). and the General Collection/Acquisitions (\$100,000).
- Q: Is a contribution to the Endowment Fund tax deductible? Yes. All donations, including bequests and memorials, are tax deductible.
- Q: How successful has the library been in serving the community? In 2005. over 616,000 items were checked out from the Athens-Clarke County Library. More than 622,000 visits were made to the library and over 103,000 reference questions were answered. Almost 212,000 patrons used our computers and nearly 23,000 children attended programs in our Children's Area.
- Q: Who uses the Athens-Clarke County Library? The library serves infants, children, teenagers, adults, seniors, students, professionals and job seekers. People of all ages and all walks of life benefit from the Athens-Clarke County Library.



In addition to the vast collection of books and other resources, the Athens-Clarke County Library provides the following free programs and services to thousands of patrons yearly.

- · Internet access
- · Computer classes
- · iFilms independent movie series
- · Live! At the Library
- · Brown Bag Lunch discussions
- · Story hours
- · Vacation Reading Program
- Cooperative school programs
- Puppet shows
- · Reference assistance
- · Genealogy collection
- · Book discussion groups

- · Interlibrary loans
- Meeting rooms and equipment
- · Large print books
- · Special Needs Library of N.E. Georgia
- · Family Fun Day
- · Café Au Libris
- Author lectures and book signings
- Special exhibits
- Job search support
- · Business and investment guides
- Music CD collection
- Outreach to special populations





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The Endowment gladly accepts gifts other than cash such as securities, bequests, and properties.

Donations exceeding \$5,000 will be recognized with an original, hand-painted pottery plate, designed for meaning as well as beauty, that will be permanently displayed in the library. Each plate represents one of six benefits of library usage, as shown on the front of this card.

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ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.













AWARENESS ENRICHMENT KNOWLEDGE

PLEASURE LIBERATION

BRIDGING THE GAP

WITH GUEST ARTIST

FERNANDO MEZA

PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSIDAD VERACRUZANA IN XALAPA, MEXICO



Fernando Meza is a celebrated photographer and graphic artist. Born in 1955 and brought up on his father's rancho in the border town of Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Meza was heavily influenced in his work by the United States. Come to any of the following free programs to "Bridge the Gap" with Fernando and learn from his expertise.

La Dama del Maiz, 2005 color photograph by Fernando Meza from his exhibition at Lyndon House Arts Center last fall.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 29

3:00 p.m. - Modern Art and Education in Mexico lecture in the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium, 2025 Baxter St., 706-613-3650. Refreshments & music to follow the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the ACC Library.

Tuesday, October 31

6:00 p.m. - Photography workshop for families at Pinewoods Library and Learning Center, 465 US Hwy 29 N, Lot G-10, 706-613-3708. Sponsored by the Friends of the ACC Library.

Wednesday, November 1

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Casa de La Cultura workshop & studio activity for Spanish speakers at Lyndon House Arts Center, 293 Hoyt St., 706-613-3623

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Day of the Dead program at Pinewoods Library and Learning Center, 706-613-3623

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - The Life of a Professional Artist in Mexico lecture at Lyndon House Arts Center

Sunday, November 5

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Fiesta at Lyndon House Arts Center, 613-3623

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Reception for Professor Meza & Photo Exhibit from workshop at Lyndon House Arts Center. Sponsored by El Banco de la Oportunidad.



This program series is sponsored by the Athens-Clarke County Library, the Lyndon House Arts Center and ACC Leisure Services, UGA International Public Service and Outreach, the Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library and El Banco de la Oportunidad. The series was made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency that grows and sustains a "Nation of Learners," because lifelong learning is critical to success.

ENLAZANDO CULTURAS CON EL ARTISTA INVITADO FERNANDO MEZA

PROFESOR DE LA UNIVERSIDAD VERACRUZANA EN XALAPA, MÉXICO



Fernando Meza es un reconocido fotógrafo y artista grafico. Nació en 1955 y creció en el rancho de su padre, ubicado a las orillas del Rió Bravo, en la ciudad de Tamaulipas. El trabajo artístico de Meza tiene una gran influencia de la cultura estadounidenses. Los invitamos a participar y disfrutar de una serie de programas gratis que conducirá el Profesor Meza en la ciudad de Athens.

La Dama del Maiz, 2005

CALENDARIO DE LOS EVENTOS

Fecha: 29 de octubre a las 3:00 p.m., Lugar: Auditorio de la Biblioteca del Condado de Athens-Clarke, 2025 Baxter Street, Athens, Tel: 706 613 3650

Fernando Meza presentara sobre el Arte Moderno y la educación en México. Auspiciado por los Amigos de la Biblioteca del Condado de Athens-Clarke.

Fecha: 31 de octubre a las 6:00 p.m., Lugar: Biblioteca de Pinewoods, 1465 Hwy 29 North Lote G-10. Athens. Tel: 706 613 3708

Seminario-Taller de fotografía para las familias. Auspiciado por los Amigos de la Biblioteca del Condado de Athens-Clarke.

Fecha: miércoles primero de noviembre

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Toller-seminario en la casa de la cultura, Lugar: Lyndon House Casa de la Cultura, 293 Hoyt Street. 706 613 3623

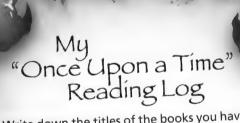
4:30 p.m. hasta las 6:00 p.m. - Programa por el Día de los Muertos, Lugar: Biblioteca de Pinewoods, 706 613 3708 7:30 p.m. hasta las 9:00 p.m. - Fernando hablara sobre la vida de un profesional mexicano en el mundo artístico. Lugar: Lyndon House Casa de la Cultura, 706 613 3623

Fecha: domingo 5 de noviembre, Lugar: Lyndon House Casa de la Cultura, 706 613 3623 2:00 p.m. hasta las 4:00 p.m. - Los participantes del taller-seminario de fotografía harán una presentación de sus trabajos y se celebraremos con música y comida.

4:00 p.m. hasta las 6:00 p.m. - Recepción al Profesor Fernando Meza. Auspiciado por El Banco de la Oportunidad.



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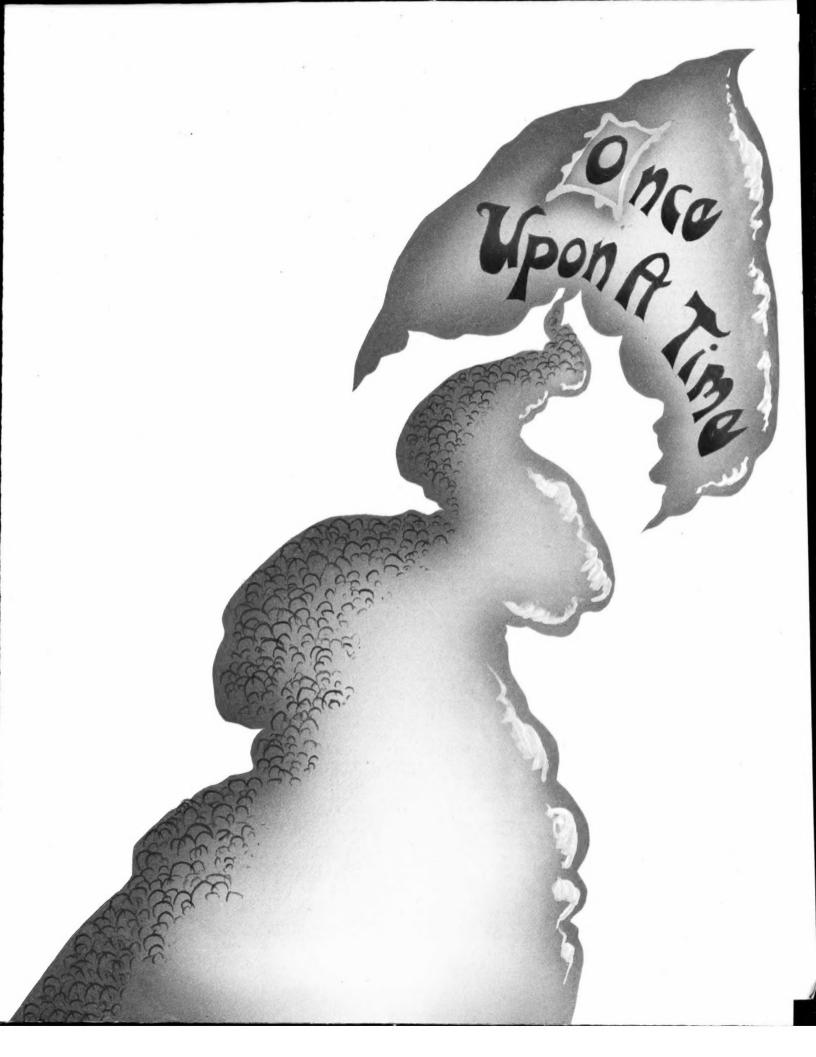
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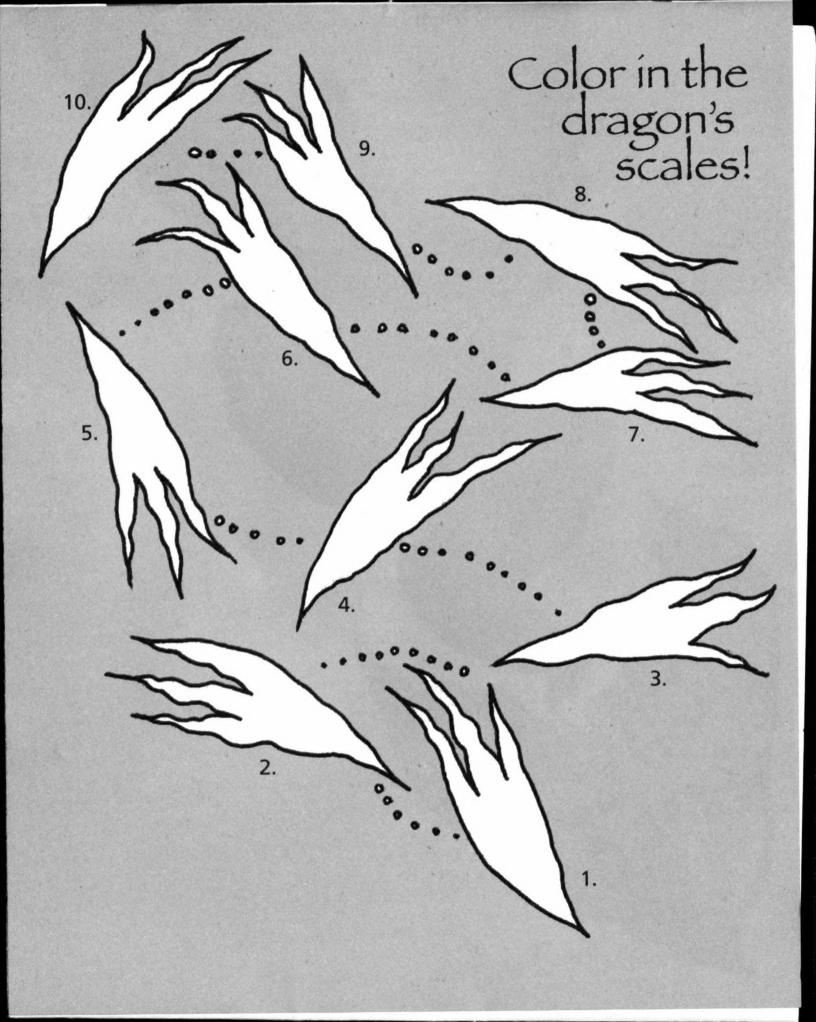
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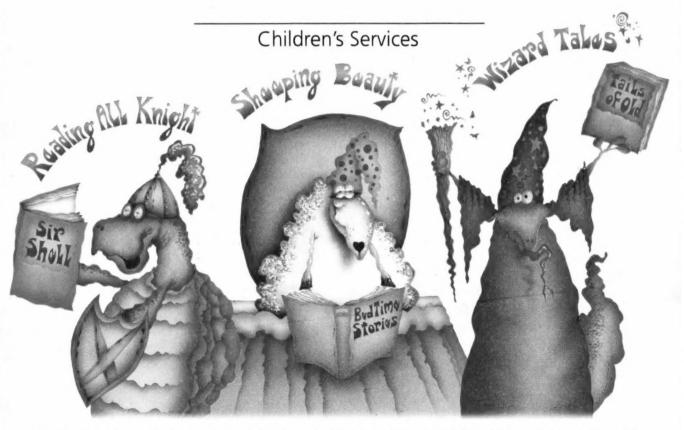






participated in the Vacation Reading Program at the public library.

Many activities were enjoyed: reading, listening to stories and attending Once Upon a Time programs and storytimes.



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